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OF THE  
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## I.

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## II.

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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### FIRST DAY.

THE NINETY-NINTH SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held at Charlottesville, Virginia, beginning on Wednesday, November 16th, 1881, at nine o'clock A. M.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire presiding.

The Conference was opened with divine service, conducted by the Bishop.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called by the Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., Secretary of the last Conference.\*

Paul Whitehead was nominated and elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson, S. S. Lambeth and Geo. C. Vanderslice, Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, the following changes were made in the Committees of Examination :

*Committee of Third Year.*—Jas. F. Twitty substituted in place of J. A. Proctor.

*Committee of Fourth Year.*—E. M. Peterson substituted in place of W. H. Christian.

The Presiding Elder of Charlottesville District, the Pastor in Charge of Charlottesville Station, and Bro. John M. Godwin were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

J. C. Watson and Wm. E. Judkins were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

The hours of meeting and adjournment daily were, on motion, fixed as follows : meeting, 9:30 A. M.; adjournment, 1:30 P. M.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the eastern side of the third window in the Church from the pulpit.

On motion, Jas. F. Brannin was appointed to serve on the Conference Board of Missions in place of P. A. Peterson.

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\*The Directory shows who were present during the session.

The Standing Committees of the Conference were, according to rule, constituted as follows :

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—W. G. Starr, Chas. E. Watts, Thos. M. Beckham, Thos. H. Boggs, R. A. Armistead, M. E. Gary, B. B. Campbell, F. R. Farrar, T. L. Sanderlin, W. W. Walker, J. H. Crown, J. W. Crider, Joseph Lear, Joseph H. Riddick, C. C. Wertenbaker, H. R. Hume, R. A. Scott, T. B. Hamlin, G. M. Peek, H. P. Bagwell.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. W. Bledsoe, T. J. Taylor, J. T. Lumpkin, Joseph H. Amiss, D. G. C. Butts, G. J. Hunt, D. R. Arnold, John Blackwell, H. C. Williams, Richard Irby, H. M. Hope, N. J. Pruden, James C. Reed, J. E. Deshazo, W. F. Bain, J. F. Collins, D. C. Dickerson, R. T. Wilson, S. N. Brickhouse, J. D. Moler.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—George E. Booker, W. E. Edwards, Leo. Rosser, E. M. Peterson, W. E. Evans, Thos. Branch, M. H. Garland, John Blackwell, Thos. W. Mason, John Davis, E. H. Pritchett, J. H. Patteson, John E. Edwards, Jas. F. Twitty, B. F. Lipscomb, H. W. Murray, F. M. Hamlin, J. W. Green, Thos. Sanderlin, J. E. Broadwater.

F. M. Edwards moved that a Committee on the State of the Church with respect to discipline be appointed, but the motion was lost.

John C. Granbery, Henry C. Cheatham and William Grant were appointed a Committee on the Bible Cause.

Minute Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" was called, and the transfer of Jesse T. Whitley, an Elder from West Virginia Conference, was reported and his name entered on the roll.

The Annual Report and Exhibit of the Agent of the Publishing House of our Church and of the Book Committee were laid before the Conference, and, on motion, referred without reading to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from Dr. Summers, editor of books of the M. E. Church, South, was read to the Conference, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Communications from Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., Missionary Secretary of our Church, and from Mrs. D. H. McGavoch, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, were laid before Conference, and, on motion, referred without reading to the Conference Board of Missions.

Minute Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" and Minute Question 18, "Who are superannuated?" were called, and R. A. Gregory, Ro.

Michaels, W. A. Robinson, B. M. Williams, William Carter, James McAden, S. T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, H. H. Gary, J. C. Garlick, John McClelland, George W. Nolley, James L. Fisher, John B. Laurens, Fielding A. Davis, Thomas Diggs, James R. Waggener and Charles H. Green, who were placed on the superannuated list at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and, with the exception of James R. Waggener and Charles H. Green, severally placed on the superannuated list.

Minute Question 17, "Who are supernumerary?" was called, and Henry C. Bowles, W. H. Camper, Joseph S. R. Clarke, Thomas H. Early, Lewis A. Guy, Joseph E. Potts, Thomas A. Ware, James W. Compton and James A. Riddick passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that they be placed on the supernumerary list, and that their names be returned in answer to both Minute Question 18 and Minute Question 17.

The name of Walter C. Taylor was called under Minute Questions 20 and 17, but, on motion, the consideration of the case was postponed for the present.

Under Minute Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?" Robert N. Sledd, James M. Anderson, D. P. Wills, Oscar Littleton, F. J. Boggs, Edward P. Wilson, William H. Christian, Joseph A. Proctor, J. Powell Garland and George H. Ray, Elders of this Conference, passed in examination of character.

On motion of F. M. Edwards, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed on the subject of temperance. The chair appointed the following to constitute said committee: F. M. Edwards, Charles E. Watts and William McGee.

On motion of George W. Nolley, the following paper was adopted:

"In accordance with the recommendation of the late Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, held in the City of London—

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Sunday Schools be requested to fix upon some Sabbath in the ensuing year to be called "The Children's Day," on which the children of our churches shall be called together and suitable services conducted for their benefit."

A communication from Bro. John Morton, of Richmond, to Rev. P. A. Peterson, of the Conference, was read for information, and, on motion of P. A. Peterson and Paul Whitehead, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Conference approves of the action of Bro. John Morton, of the City of Richmond, representing Bro. John B. Morton, deceased, Treasurer of the late Book and Tract Society of the Virginia Annual Conference, in disposing of \$21,400 in Confederate bonds, the property of said Society, and

tender him our thanks for the service rendered our Conference in this transaction.

*Resolved*, That the proceeds of the sale of said bonds, amounting to \$149.80, forwarded to the Conference by Brother Morton, be turned over to Revs. A. G. Brown and G. C. Vanderslice, Trustees of the "Hall Fund," and that they be instructed to consolidate and invest the same with that fund.

The case of W. C. Taylor was resumed, and, on motion, he passed in examination of character and was placed on the supernumerary list; and it was ordered that his name be returned in the answers to Minute Question 17.

The catalogue of the Suffolk Female Institute was laid before Conference, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was called, and Joseph G. Lennon, a local preacher of North Bedford Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of said circuit, after examination in the course of study, as a suitable person to be elected to Deacon's orders; passed in examination of character, and was accordingly elected to Deacon's orders.

An then the Conference adjourned.

## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 17, 1881.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Jacob Manning.

On motion of Paul Whitehead, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

A communication from Dr. J. F. Harrison, Chairman of the Faculty of the University of Virginia, was laid before Conference, read, and, on motion of P. A. Peterson, it was resolved that the thanks of Conference be tendered to Dr. Harrison, Chairman of the Faculty, for the invitation to Conference to visit that Institution, and that we accept the invitation at the convenience of the body.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up, and R. H. Mullen, a local preacher of West New Kent Circuit, applied for admission into the traveling connection on trial, presenting the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of



said circuit. The Committee of Examination reported that he passed an approved examination, but the Conference declined to admit him. Henry Hunt, a local preacher of Eastville Circuit, applied for admission into the traveling connection on trial, presenting the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of said circuit, and having passed an approved examination before the Committee of Examination, was admitted accordingly.

Minute Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up, and Jacob B. Askew, Randolph F. Gayle and John S. Wallace, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and having passed approved examinations on the course of study, and being examined by the Bishop before the Conference according to the requirement of the Discipline were severally admitted into full connection, and (with the exception of Jacob B. Askew, who is already a Deacon) elected to Deacon's orders; and it was ordered that the names of R. F. Gayle and J. S. Wallace be returned in the answer to Minute Question 8.

Under Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" the name of Charles E. Wrenn was called, and, on motion, of Oscar Littleton, he was discontinued, and it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 3.

And then Walter G. Bates, Jno. M. Campbell, Jno. W. Carroll, Charles W. Cain, Wilbur F. Tillett, William E. Grant, Walter W. Sawyer, Arthur C. Jordan, Joseph T. Routten, William T. Williams and William A. Tompkins, who were admitted on trial into the traveling connection at the last session of the Conference, passed in examination of character, and having passed approved examinations on the course of study, were severally continued on trial; and it appearing that John M. Campbell, John W. Carroll, Wm. E. Grant and Joseph T. Routten were local preachers for three years successively previous to their admission on trial, and the Conference approving their ordination, they were severally elected to Deacon's orders, and it was ordered that their names be returned in the answer to Minute Question 8.

Rev. G. S. Petrie, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. W. H. Williams, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Colorado Conference, M. E. Church, were invited to seats on the Conference floor; also, Revs. J. R. Vanhorn and J. C. Jones, of the Baltimore Conference.

A. G. Brown, from the Trustees of the "Hall Fund," made the following report (see Reports), which was received, and it was ordered that the interest in hand, \$163.93, be paid to the Joint Board of Finance.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and J. Wiley Bledsoe, W. G. Starr, P. A. Peterson, John Hannon, Alex. G. Brown, William P. Wright, James F. Brannin, P. F. August, Geo. E. Booker, George C. Vanderslice, J. J. Lafferty, J. C. Granbery, Wesley C. Vaden, B. F. Woodward, F. M. Edwards, E. H. Pritchett, Robert W. Watts, Herbert M. Hope, John M. Burton, James H. Crown, Wm. E. Payne, Richard Ferguson and Lemuel S. Reed passed in examination of character as Elders.

On motion, leave of absence for two days was granted to William E. Judkins.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 18, 1881.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by J. C. Watson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Leave of absence after to-day until Monday was, on motion, granted to Wm. McGee.

F. J. Boggs, P. E. of Farmville District, delivered to the Conference the credentials, license to preach, and certificate of location of Henry C. Paulett, a L. E. of Farmville station, who retires from the ministry, and it was ordered that they be filed by the Secretary.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following Elders passed in examination of character: Wm. E. Edwards, Joshua S. Hunter, Albert C. Berryman, John T. Moore, Wilbur F. Robins, John H. Kabler, John B. Dey, Chas. E. Watts, Walter H. Gregory, Travis J. Taylor, Nathan B. Foushee, H. C. Cheatham, M. L. Bishop, S. S. Lambeth, Jno. H. Patteson, N. J. Pruden, E. A. Gibbs, J. W. Crider, B. S. Herring, J. D. Southall, J. P. Woodward, J. W. Tucker and J. E. Gates.

Revs. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Book Agent of the M. E. Church South; A. W. Wilson, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church South; E. E. Wiley, D. D., President of Martha Washington College; David Sullius, D. D., President of Emory and Henry College, and J. O. A. Clark, D. D., Agent of Wesley



Memorial Church, Savannah, Ga., were, on motion, invited to seats on the Conference floor.

Leave of absence after to-day's session was granted to George W. Nolley and Wm. A. Robinson.

On motion, it was resolved, that when we adjourn to-day, Conference shall meet again at 3½ o'clock this afternoon; and that the election of delegates from this Conference to the next General Conference be the order of the day for that hour.

Minute Question 7, "Who are the Deacons of one year?" was taken up, and David J. Traynham, Theodore O. Edwards, James W. Stiff, Richard O. Payne, Joseph R. Sturgis, William T. Green and Jacob N. Rosser passed in examination of character, and having been recommended by the Committee of Examination, were severally continued as Deacons of the class of the fourth year, except James W. Stiff, who was continued as of the class of the third year, the Committee of Examination reporting that his examination was approved on all the studies of the third year, save "Logic," upon which he declined to be examined.

Minute Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected Elders?" was taken up, and John W. S. Robins, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas McN. Simpson, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, Abraham B. Warwick, Robert B. Blankenship, Andrew J. Bradshaw and Robert H. Younger passed in examination of character, and having passed approved examination on the course of study were severally elected to Elder's orders. Junius B. De Berry, Edward G. Chandler, George W. Wray and John C. Rosser also passed in examination of character, but not having passed an approved examination on the studies of the fourth year in whole or in part, it was ordered that they be continued as Deacons in the class of the fourth year, and that their names be returned in the answer to Minute Question 7.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following Elders passed in examination of character: Leonidas Rosser, William B. Rowzie, T. M. Beckham, W. R. Smithey, Jno. L. Clarke.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by E. M. Peterson.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, and Conference proceeded to the election of six clerical and six lay representatives to the next General Conference, that being the number to which the Virginia Annual Conference is entitled, with the following result:

*First Ballot for Clerical Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 166; necessary to choice, 84. W. W. Bennett received 110 votes; R. N. Sledd, 89; John E. Edwards, 88; J. C. Granbery, 86; P. A. Peterson, 82; J. D. Blackwell, 75; Paul Whitehead, 70; E. P. Wilson, 50; A. G. Brown, 48; J. J. Laferty, 32; J. H. Amiss, 23; L. M. Lee, 19; L. S. Reed, 18; F. M. Edwards, 16; Leo. Rosser, 11; J. P. Garland, 11; D. P. Wills, 10; W. E. Edwards, 10; scattering, 133.

W. W. Bennett, R. N. Sledd, J. E. Edwards and J. C. Granbery were declared duly elected.

*First Ballot for Lay Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 35; necessary to a choice, 18. W. W. Walker received 23 votes; G. M. Bain, Jr., 20; Richard Pollard, 19; F. H. Smith, 16; R. Irby, 16; H. W. Murray, 16; T. B. Hamlin, 13; W. T. Chandler, 10; M. H. Garland, 9; R. W. Peatross, 8; Thomas Branch, 7; scattering, 51.

W. W. Walker, George M. Bain, Jr., and Richard Pollard were declared duly elected.

*Second Ballot for Lay Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 35; necessary to a choice, 18. F. H. Smith received 28 votes; Richard Irby, 26; T. B. Hamlin, 15; H. W. Murray, 12; R. W. Peatross, 6; W. T. Chandler, 6; scattering, 11.

F. H. Smith and Richard Irby were declared duly elected.

On motion—

*Resolved,* That the election of the remaining delegates, clerical and lay, to which this Conference is entitled, shall be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 19, 1881.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Benjamin F. Tennille.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following elders passed in examination of character: James D. Lumsden, Willie O. Waggener, James H. Maynard, John M. Saunders, James T. Lumpkin, John N. Jones, J. D. Hank, W. G. Lumpkin, James W. Blincoe, Charles D. Crawley, John W. Howard, Paul Whitehead, James C. Martin, J. D. Blackwell, John E. Edwards, Jas. C. Reed, R. M. Chandler, Joseph Lear, William G. Williams, David M. Wallace, Wm. W. Lear, Chas. H. Boggs, Wm. H. Atwill, J. T. Mastin, Jacob H. Proctor, Wm. McGee, Thos. H. Boggs, E. N. S. Blogg, R. A. Compton, Joseph H. Amiss, Jno. Q. Rhodes, Thos. L. Williams, Wm. P. Jordan, Alex. M. Hall, Thos. P. Wise, James E. McSparran, Benj. F. Tennille, Jos. H. Riddick, Adam C. Bledsoe, Wm. E. Judkins, Joseph B. Merritt, E. M. Jordan, Thos. J. Bayton, J. J. Edwards, Thos. H. Campbell, R. J. Moorman, J. H. Dalby, Jacob Manning, John E. Deshazo, H. P. Mitchell, R. M. Saunders and J. F. Twitty.

Leave of absence, after to-day's session, was granted to Thos. P. Wise, James F. Twitty, John E. Deshazo.

At eleven o'clock the Conference took up the order of the day.

J. E. Edwards moved that the tellers, with one of the Secretaries of Conference, retire and count the ballots and ascertain the result, while the Conference shall proceed with the regular business, which was carried; and the tellers and S. S. Lambeth having collected the ballots, retired according to the above motion. On their return the result was reported as follows:

*Third Ballot for Lay Representatives.*—Whole number of votes, 34; necessary to a choice, 18. T. B. Hamlin received 12 votes; L. L. Marks, 13; Thomas Branch, 5; scattering, 4.

No election.

*Second Ballot for Clerical Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 138; necessary to a choice, 70. John D. Blackwell received 52 votes; E. P. Wilson, 49; P. A. Peterson, 49; Paul

Whitehead, 39; A. G. Brown, 30; J. J. Lafferty, 11; Joseph H. Amiss, 16; W. E. Edwards, 5; J. D. Hank, 4; scattering, 19.

No election.

There being no election, the tellers collected the votes for another ballot and retired with the Secretary. On their return, the result was reported as follows:

*Fourth Ballot for Lay Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 31; necessary to a choice, 16. L. L. Marks received 16 votes; T. B. Hamlin, 10; scattering, 5.

Lewis L. Marks was declared duly elected.

*Third Ballot for Clerical Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 143; necessary to a choice, 72. J. D. Blackwell received 63 votes; P. A. Peterson, 62; E. P. Wilson, 53; Paul Whitehead, 46; A. G. Brown, 29; J. H. Amiss, 12; J. J. Lafferty, 6; scattering, 12.

There being no election, on motion of S. S. Lambeth, it was

*Resolved*, That if on the next ballot there shall be an election of the two clerical representatives yet remaining to be chosen, the three next highest in the vote to those elected shall be declared reserves, to serve in the order of their votes respectively, in case any of the clerical representatives shall be unable to attend the next General Conference.

And, on motion, it was ordered that the three highest voted for as lay reserves shall be declared elected to serve in the order of their votes, in case any lay representative be unable to serve.

The tellers then collected the ballots for a fourth ballot for clerical representatives and for a ballot for reserves for the lay representatives, and retired with the Secretary.

Present, Thomas L. Sanderson, lay delegate from Norfolk District.

On motion, Rev. E. L. Powell, of the Disciples' Church, was invited to a seat on the Conference floor.

On motion of T. A. Ware, the Conference invited Dr. J. B. McFerrin to deliver an address in this church on to-morrow afternoon at half-past three o'clock on the subject of the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism.

On motion of D. P. Wills, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to audit his account as President of the Young Preacher's Educational Board.

The Chair announced the following as the committee: T. H. Boggs, W. O. Waggener and Thomas McN. Simpson.

The tellers returned, and the result of the balloting was announced as follows:

*Ballot for Lay Reserves.*—Whole number of votes cast, 32. Thomas B. Hamlin received 16 votes; M. H. Garland, 12;

Thomas Branch, 11; H. W. Murray, 5; L. D. Travers, 3; scattering, 7.

Thomas B. Hamlin, M. H. Garland and Thomas Branch were declared duly elected lay reserves.

*Fourth Ballot for Clerical Representatives.*—Whole number of votes cast, 146; necessary to a choice, 74. John D. Blackwell received 82 votes; P. A. Peterson, 78; E. P. Wilson, 57; Paul Whitehead, 40; A. G. Brown, 18; J. H. Aniss, 14; scattering, 9.

John D. Blackwell and P. A. Peterson were declared duly elected clerical representatives, and E. P. Wilson, Paul Whitehead and A. G. Brown, clerical reserves.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Conference adjourn to meet again at half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by J. D. Lumsden.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following elders passed in examination of character: Robert A. Armistead, Jno. G. Rowe, M. S. Colonna, Benj. C. Spiller, Robert N. Crooks, W. E. Allen, W. A. Laughon, Spottswood H. Johnson, D. G. C. Butts, Paul Bradley, W. A. Crocker, H. T. Bacon, W. W. Bennett, A. Wiles, Leroy M. Lee.

At his own request, it was ordered that Leroy M. Lee be placed on the superannuated list, and that his name be returned in the answer to Minute Question 18.

On motion of A. G. Brown,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare for insertion in the Conference Journal a suitable expression of the feelings of the Conference in view of Dr. Lee's request.

The Chair appointed A. G. Brown, J. E. Edwards and Geo. M. Bain, Jr., to compose the committee.

Minute Question 30, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up, and Richmond, Portsmouth and Elizabeth

City, N. C., were nominated. Portsmouth, Va., was selected, and, on motion, the vote was made unanimous.

On motion, it was ordered that the Report of the Committee on Memoirs shall be made the order of the day for Monday morning next at eleven o'clock.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 21, 1881.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by F. J. Boggs.

The minutes of the afternoon session of Saturday were read and approved.

Bishop McTyeire reported the ordinations of yesterday for insertion in the Conference Journal as follows:

“On Sunday, November 20th, after sermon at 11 A. M., in the Methodist church, I ordained the following persons to the order of deacons:

*Travelling Preachers.*—Randolph F. Gayle, John S. Wallace, John W. Campbell, John W. Carroll, Wm. E. Grant, Joseph T. Routten.

*Local Preacher.*—Joseph G. Lennon.

D. P. Wills read the Epistle and W. B. Rowzie the Gospel.

In the evening, after sermon by F. M. Edwards at quarter past seven o'clock, the following elders were ordained:

*Travelling Preachers.*—John W. S. Robins, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas McN. Simpson, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, Abraham B. Warwick, Robert B. Blankenship, Andrew J. Bradshaw, Robert H. Younger.

E. P. Wilson read the Epistle and R. N. Sledd the Gospel.

W. B. Rowzie, Jacob Manning and L. S. Reed joined in the laying on of hands.”

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following elders passed in examination of character: John W. Hilldrup, W. J. Twilley, Charles C. Wertenkaker, J. C. Watson, Robert B. Beadles, B. F. Lipscomb, W. F. Bain, W. H. Edwards, Lewis B. Betty, W. W. Royall, J. W. Connelly, W. E. Evans.

When the name of W. W. Royall was called, a letter from him



to the Conference, dated Shanghai, China, September 27, 1881, was read, and, on motion of Geo. H. Ray and P. A. Peterson, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we rejoice to hear by letter from our beloved brother, Rev. W. W. Royall, our missionary at Shanghai, China, and congratulate him on his success in that far-off field, and assure him of our continued sympathy and of our prayers for his success in his arduous work.

On motion of R. N. Sledd, it was ordered that J. W. Connelly be placed on the supernumerary list and that his name be returned in the answer to Minute Question 17, and that B. F. Woodward be placed on the superannuated list, and that his name be returned in the answer to Minute Question 18.

On motion, leave of absence after to-day's session was granted to Alexander M. Hall and F. R. Farrar.

R. N. Sledd presented the credentials of ordination as elder of Preston G. Nash, a local elder of our Church who has withdrawn from our communion.

A. G. Brown, from the committee to prepare a suitable expression of the feelings of the Conference concerning Dr. Lee, reported the following paper, which was adopted :

"Deeply regretting that his failing health has made it necessary for Dr. Lee to retire from the active work of the ministry, to which his life has been devoted for more than a half century, therefore

*Resolved*, That his venerable age and the distinguished ability, fidelity and success with which he has served the Church as preacher, editor and author, endear him very tenderly to our hearts, and justly entitle him to the warmest gratitude as well as the generous sympathy and care of his brethren.

*Resolved*, That carrying into his retirement a spotless reputation, as wide as the domain of Methodism, if the providence of God should not permit him to be present at the future sessions of this Body, with which he has been so closely identified for fifty-three years, we will ever hold him in loving and grateful remembrance, and will fervently pray that the period of his retirement may be as peaceful as his active life has been laborious and useful."

On motion of A. G. Brown,

*Resolved*, That William E. Judkins, J. Wiley Bledsoe and S. D. Turner be appointed a committee to solicit from the Conference, and our brethren attending its session, a contribution for the relief of Dr. L. M. Lee, who is not allowed by law to participate in the appropriations of the Joint Board of Finance at our present session.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the order of the day was postponed till this evening at half-past 7 o'clock.

F. M. Edwards, from the Committee on Temperance, made a report, which was read.

F. M. Edwards moved that the report be adopted. P. A. Peterson moved that the report be amended by striking out the second resolution. Pending the consideration of which motion, C. E. Watts moved that Prof. W. W. Smith be requested to

make such remarks as he may believe will give the Conference information and impress their minds in reference to the subject reported upon.

Prof. Smith thereupon addressed the Conference.

W. W. Walker submitted an amendment, which P. A. Peterson accepted in lieu of his amendment, and which was also accepted by the Committee. The same is as follows:

"2. That we urge our clerical and lay members to so enforce the law of our Church as to free our membership from all connection with the traffic which stands so much in the way of spreading vital piety."

Ro. W. Watts moved as a substitute for the whole report the following paper:

"Recognizing in dram-drinking and dram-selling foes to our Christian religion,  
"Resolved, That we are in favor of the passage of a local option law by the Legislature of our State, and will do all in our power to secure the passage of the same."

F. J. Boggs moved that the substitute be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

And the report as amended was adopted, and the same is as follows. (See Reports).

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made report of the appropriations made to the several claimants on the funds of the Board, which appropriations were approved, and the report recommitted to the Board for completion. (See Reports.)

Dr. J. L. Buchanan, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Blacksburg, Va., was, on motion, invited to a seat on the Conference floor.

W. W. Walker, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read. Pending its consideration, Rev. John B. McFerrin, D. D., Agent of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, addressed the Conference. The report was then adopted, (See Reports.)

In answer to Minute Questions 21, 23, 24, 25 and 26, the statistics of the Conference were reported as follows:

No. of Local Preachers.....	159
" White Members.....	57,371
" Colored ".....	126
" Infants baptized.....	1,261
" Adults ".....	2,068
" Sunday Schools.....	670
" " School Teachers.....	7,231
" " " Scholars.....	42,006

The answers to other Minute Questions were reported as follows:

Minute Question 27, "What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers?"

Answer—\$6,020.

Minute Question 29, "What has been contributed for Missions?" Answer—

For Foreign Missions.....	\$8,532 03
For Domestic Missions.....	4,850 04

Rev. J. B. Laurens, Treasurer of the "Rosebud Missionary Societies," reported that the children of the societies had raised during the year 1881 the sum of \$1,378.54.

On motion of J. E. Edwards, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have heard the report of Brother Laurens, Secretary and Treasurer of the "Rosebud Society," with very great pleasure, exciting as it does both surprise and gratification, and that we hereby express our approval of the unique plan of raising and applying missionary funds.

Dr. A. W. Wilson, Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, made a short address to the Conference.

On motion of P. A. Peterson—

*Resolved*, That when Conference adjourn this morning, it shall adjourn to meet at half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

R. N. Sledd, from the Preachers' Relief Society, reported for information the amounts appropriated by the Society for the relief of preachers.

And in accordance with the charter of incorporation of said Society, the Conference elected the following Directors of the Society for the ensuing year: Revs. R. N. Sledd, J. Carson Watson, and F. M. Edwards, of the Virginia Conference; and H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; Wm. T. McMullan, of Hertford, N. C.; Geo. M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.; J. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Joseph E. Broadwater, of Temperanceville, Va., and Christopher V. Winfree, of Lynchburg, Va.

On motion of R. N. Sledd, the Conference authorized the Presiding Elders to employ R. H. Mullen, a L. P., whose application for admission on trial had been rejected.

Wm. E. Judkins, from the committee to solicit relief for Dr. L. M. Lee, reported as follows:

The special committee appointed to solicit funds for the benefit of Rev. Dr. L. M. Lee report that they have raised in cash one hundred and sixty two dollars and seventy cents, and subscriptions yet unpaid for nineteen dollars, making a total of \$181.70.

In answer to Minute Question 28, the Joint Board of Finance reported as follows. (See Reports).

And then the Conference adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop McTyeire in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by John B. Laurens.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Wm. H. Christian, it was ordered that the Rev. A. G. Brown be requested to publish the same number of copies of the "Minutes" and on the same plan as last year.

T. H. Boggs, from the committee to audit the accounts of D. P. Wills, Treasurer of the Preachers' Educational Board, made the following report, which was adopted (see Reports); and D. P. Wills was authorized to pay the balance in his hands (\$7.18) towards the education of a ministerial student now at Randolph Macon College.

D. P. Wills then announced his resignation of the office heretofore held by him in said Board.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, it was ordered that hereafter in our statistical table the column "volumes in library" be omitted.

J. W. Bledsoe, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was read and adopted, and the same is as follows. (See Reports).

J. C. Granbery, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made a report, which was read and adopted, and the same is as follows. (See Reports).

W. W. Bennett, from the committee appointed at the last Conference to report a plan for division of the territory of this Conference so as to form two Conferences, made a report, which was read.

Joseph H. Amiss and James E. McSparran, offered the following as a substitute for the report:

"WHEREAS, We believe the division of the Virginia Conference would promote the interests of the Church within its bounds in a variety of ways, therefore

*Resolved*, That the ensuing General Conference be and is hereby respectfully memorialized to pass an act authorizing the Virginia Conference to divide at any time during the next four years succeeding the General Conference, so as to constitute two Conferences, provided the Conference judge it advisable thus to divide."

Pending the discussion, the mover of the substitute consented to omit therefrom the preamble.

And then the Conference adjourned to meet again at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

## EVENING SESSION.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. John C. Granbery (by designation of Bishop McTyeire) in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by John D. Southall.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Committee on Memoirs made their report. [See Memoirs.]

The memoir of W. J. Norfleet was read by Wm. E. Judkins, and that of Benjamin T. Ames by J. C. Watson.

Appropriate remarks concerning the life and labors of our deceased brethren followed the reading of the memoirs.

And, on motion, the report was adopted, and it was ordered that these memoirs be spread upon the Conference Journal and published in the General Minutes; and that the names of W. J. Norfleet and B. T. Ames be returned in answer to the Minute Question 19, "What preachers have died during the past year?"

The Conference resumed consideration of the report of W. W. Bennett, from the Committee on Division of the Conference, and the substitute offered therefor by Joseph H. Amiss.

After full discussion, on motion of R. W. Watts, the previous question was ordered, and the substitute was lost and the report of the Committee adopted by a large majority, and the same is as follows. [See Reports.]

The following resolutions were presented by A. G. Brown, Paul Whitehead and Joseph H. Amiss, and Paul Whitehead and S. S. Lambeth.

John C. Granbery (Bishop McTyeire in the chair) moved to lay them on the table, which motion was lost; and then the resolutions were adopted, and the same are as follows:

*Resolved*, That the General Conference be and is hereby memorialized to amend the law for the trial of travelling preachers (see Discipline, Chap. VI., Sec. 2, paragraph 2, page 141-2) as follows:

FIRST. After the words, "When the accusation is preferred during a session of the Annual Conference," insert "*in the absence of a bill of charges signed by a member of the Conference.*"

SECONDLY. After the words, "And appoint one of their number to prosecute it," insert, "*provided in all cases, that a copy of the charge and specifications shall be delivered to the accused a sufficient length of time before the trial to enable him to make all necessary preparations for his defense.*"

THIRDLY. After the words, "provided that the accused shall," strike out "upon good grounds alleged," and insert, "*be allowed a peremptory challenge of.*"

FOURTH. After the words, "in the same ratio for any other number," insert, "besides unlimited right of challenge for cause, of the validity of which cause, the presiding officer in the trial shall be the judge."

ALEX. G. BROWN,  
PAUL WHITEHEAD,  
JAS. H. AMISS.



*Resolved*, That the next General Conference be and is hereby respectfully memorialized to change the law for "the trial of a travelling preacher," Sec. 2 of Chap. VI. of our Discipline, so that item 2 (2nd clause) shall read, "The committee of investigation reporting a case for trial, shall bring forward the bill of charges in proper form, and the officer presiding over the Conference shall appoint a prosecutor thereof."

PAUL WHITEHEAD,  
S. S. LAMBETH.

W. W. Bennett moved that the Conference do now adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, but the motion was lost.

George E. Booker, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which was read.

Dr. Bennett moved that the report be laid on the table, but the motion did not prevail.

J. P. Garland then moved the adoption of the report, which was carried by a vote of 65 to 52, and the same is as follows. [See Reports.]

P. A. Peterson offered resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Charlottesville for their kind and abundant hospitality, and to the churches, railroads and papers for courtesies extended, which were adopted.

C. C. Wertenbaker and others offered the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, After a protracted discussion on the subject of the *division of the Virginia Conference*, the Conference by a very large majority voted against said division. And

WHEREAS, An effort may be made to take from the Virginia Conference some of her territory, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hereby memorialize the General Conference to preserve to the Virginia Conference her territory intact."

J. H. Amiss moved to lay the resolution and preamble on the table, which was lost; and the question being ordered on the motion to adopt the same, it was carried.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a final report, which was adopted, and the funds distributed; and the report is as follows. [See Reports.]

On the nomination of the Chairman of the Committee on Education, the Conference appointed the following to compose the committee to confer with other like committees from Holston, North Carolina and Baltimore Conferences, as provided by the resolutions of the Report of the Committee on Education, viz.: Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., and Richard Irby, Esq.

On motion of Paul Whitehead, it was

*Resolved*, That the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing Conference year be appointed by the Conference on nomination of the Presiding Elders of the Districts.



And in accordance with the foregoing resolution, the following were appointed to constitute the Joint Board of Finance for the next year: J. W. Bledsoe, S. D. Turner, Ro. W. Watts, E. B. Brown, Jas. O. Moss, C. V. Winfree, Alex. G. Brown, John R. Pace, Jas. W. Blincoe, Thos. M. Leitch, Joseph H. Proctor, L. L. Marks, Joseph H. Amiss, Wilbur J. Kilby, Thomas H. Campbell, George M. Bain, Jr., Wm. E. Evans, Littleton Cockerill, W. F. Bain, L. D. Travers.

The Chair announced the following to compose the Board of Missions of this Conference for the ensuing year: W. E. Judkins, Garrett Anderson, James C. Martin, D. B. M. Perkins, Joshua L. Hunter, Richard Pollard, John W. Tucker, H. D. Guerrant, Josiah D. Hank, P. B. Crowder, John D. Blackwell, T. B. Hamlin, E. M. Peterson, H. C. Williams, George L. Neville, D. G. C. Butts, Richard Irby, J. C. Watson and James Cannon.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the collection for the expenses of delegates to the General Conference be taken in the month of April, and that the amounts collected be forwarded to the chairman of the delegation.

The following appropriations of the Board of Missions to the respective fields of labor for the ensuing year were reported by the Board through its chairman, W. E. Judkins. [See Reports.]

The Committee on Public Worship announced the following appointments:

*To Preach the Opening Sermon at next Conference*—J. H. Patterson; alternate, J. F. Twitty.

*To Preach the Sermon Before Ordination of Elders*—W. W. Bennett; alternate, A. G. Brown.

On motion, the resolution respecting the publication of the "Minutes" of Conference was amended by the insertion of "2,000 copies" as the number to be printed.

After singing, the appointments of the preachers to their respective fields of labor were announced in answer to Minute Question 31, as follows. [See Appointments.]

On motion of A. G. Brown,

*Resolved*, That we part with our young brethren transferred to other Conferences with regret, and affectionately commend them to the regards of those among whom they go.

The minutes of this session of the Conference were then read and approved.

After which the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

### III.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR 1881-82.

	<i>Years.</i>
I. RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	R. N. SLEDD, P. E., 2
1. Trinity, Richmond .....	J. W. Bledsoe, 2
2. Broad Street, " .....	W. G. Starr, 4
3. Centenary, " .....	P. A. Peterson, 2
4. Park Place, " .....	John Hannon, 2
5. Clay Street, " .....	S. S. Lambeth, 1
6. Laurel Street " .....	W. P. Wright, 3
7. Union, " .....	W. C. Vaiden, 3
8. Nicholson St., " .....	John M. Saunders, 1
9. Manchester and Fifth Street.....	E. P. Wilson, 1
10. Henrico.....	L. S. Reed, 1
11. Charles City.....	J. T. Lumpkin, 1
12. New Kent and James City... ..	W. J. Twilley, 1
13. West New Kent.....	John M. Burton, 1
14. Williamsburg and Biglers.....	P. F. August, 3
15. Warwick Mission.....	To be supplied by S. L. Thrift, 1
16. Gloucester.....	H. C. Cheatham, J. M. Campbell, 1
17. Matthews.....	George C. Vanderslice, 3
18. West Matthews.....	T. O. Edwards, 3
Editor Richmond Christian Advocate.....	J. J. Lafferty.
Professor Vanderbilt University.....	J. C. Granbery.
II. CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT...J. M. ANDERSON, P. E., 3	
19. Charlottesville.....	J. C. Martin, T. A. Ware, sup'y, 2
20. Albemarle.....	George E. Booker, 1
21. Louisa.....	E. H. Pritchett, 4
22. Scottsville.....	A. C. Berryman, 1
23. Fluvanna.....	G. W. Wray, 2
24. Milton.....	W. A. Tompkins, 2
25. Batesville.....	R. W. Watts, 2
26. Gordonsville and Orange.....	W. H. Edwards, 1
27. Orange Circuit.....	J. C. Rosser, 1
28. Culpeper.....	E. J. Chandler, 1
29. Culpeper Circuit.....	J. W. Carroll, 2

30. Rappahannock ..... J. H. Crown, 4  
 31. Woodville ..... To be supplied.  
 32. Madison ..... W. E. Paye, 2  
 33. Greene ..... J. F. Brannin, 1  
 34. Piedmont Mission ..... To be supplied.  
     Chaplain of University of Virginia ..... J. T. Whitley, 1

### III. LYNCHBURG DISTRICT ..... D. P. WILLS, P. E., 4

35. Centenary ..... J. S. Hunter, 4  
 36. Court St. and Danielstown ..... W. E. Edwards, C. H. Greene,  
     T. H. Early, sup'y ..... 2  
 37. Madison ..... J. H. Kabler, 1  
 38. Amherst ..... John N. Jones, 1  
 39. West Amherst ..... Charles E. Watts, 1  
 40. Mount Pleasant ..... N. B. Foushee, 1  
 41. Bedford ..... J. L. Spencer, 2  
 42. West Bedford ..... R. F. Gayle, J. W. Compton, sup'y, 1  
 43. Middle Bedford ..... R. H. Younger, 3  
 44. North Bedford ..... M. L. Bishop, 1  
 45. Liberty ..... John B. Dey, 2  
 46. Bedford Springs ..... J. T. Moore, 1  
 47. Nelson ..... John W. Howard, 1  
 48. Appomattox ..... W. F. Robins, 1  
 49. Campbell ..... James O. Moss, 4  
 50. West Campbell ..... R. B. Scott, 1  
 51. South Campbell ..... Henry Hunt, 1  
 52. Prospect ..... T. J. Taylor, 1  
 53. Bedford Mission ..... To be supplied by Joseph G. Lennon, 1  
 54. Glenmore Mission ..... To be supplied by J. W. Parish, 1

### IV. DANVILLE DISTRICT ..... OSCAR LITTLETON, P. E., 2

55. Main Street, Danville ..... A. G. Brown, 1  
 56. Lynn Street, " ..... W. F. Tillett, 2  
 57. North Danville ..... J. H. Patteson, 3  
 58. Charlotte ..... N. J. Pruden, E. A. Gibbs, 2  
 59. West Charlotte ..... J. S. Wallace, 3  
 60. South Boston ..... J. W. Crider, 4  
 61. South of Dan ..... B. S. Herrink, 4  
 62. Chatham ..... R. B. Blankenship, 3  
 63. Pittsylvania ..... J. D. Southall, 4  
 64. North Pittsylvania ..... T. P. Duke, 2  
 65. Northwest Pittsylvania ..... To be supplied.  
 66. Franklin ..... J. P. Woodward, 2  
 67. West Franklin ..... To be supplied.  
 68. East Franklin ..... D. J. Traynham, 2

69. Henry..... J. W. Tucker, 4  
 70. Patrick .....To be supplied.  
 71. South Patrick.....H. C. Bowles, sup'y, 1  
 72. Halifax.....J. E. Gates, 4  
 73. East Halifax.....To be supplied,

V. FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....F. J. Boggs, P. E., 2

74. Farmville..... Leo. Rosser, 2  
 75. Prince Edward..... W. B. Rowzie, J. S. R. Clarke, sup'y, 2  
 76. Burkeville..... J. R. Waggoner, 1  
 77. Lunenburg... ..T. M. Beckham, 4  
 78. West Lunenburg.....S. H. Johnson, 1  
 79. Boydton... ..J. L. Clarke, 2  
 80. Boydton Circuit.....J. D. Lumsden, 2  
 81. Clarkesville.....C. W. Cain, 2  
 82. Mecklenburg.....W. O. Waggener, 2  
 83. North Mecklenburg.....J. H. Maynard, 2  
 84. Brunswick.....T. L. Williams, 1  
 85. West Brunswick.....W. A. Crocker, 1  
 86. South Brunswick.....W. R. Smithey, 1  
 87. Nottoway.....J. D. Hank, 2  
 88. Amelia.....W. G. Lumpkin, 2  
 89. Cumberland.....J. W. Blincoe, 2  
 90. Cartersville.....C. H. Boggs, 1  
 91. Buckingham.....T. P. Wise, 1  
 President Farmville College.....

VI. PETERSBURG DISTRICT.....PAUL WHITEHEAD, P. E., 1

92. Washington Street, Petersburg.....J. D. Blackwell, 3  
 93. Market Street, " .....John E. Edwards, 2  
 94. High Street, " .....J. C. Reed, 2  
 95. Wesley Chapel, " .....W. H. Atwill, 1  
 96. Blandford, " .....Joseph Lear, 2  
 97. Ettricks.....T. McN. Simpson, 1  
 98. Chesterfield.....W. G. Williams, 3  
 99. Matoaca.....R. O. Payne, 1  
 100. Dinwiddie.....D. M. Wallace, 2  
 101. West Dinwiddie.....W. W. Lear, 2  
 102. Sussex.....F. M. Edwards, James A. Riddick, sup'y, 1  
 103. North Sussex.....J. H. Proctor, 2  
 104. Hicksford.....W. H. Riddick, L. A. Grey, sup'y, 1  
 105. Prince George.....A. B. Warwick, 2  
 106. Surry.....W. E. Grant, J. W. Connelly, sup'y, 2  
 107. Wakefield.....W. P. Jordan, 1  
 108. Coalfield.....A. C. Jordan, 1  
 109. Clover Hill.....To be supplied.

## VII. MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....W. H. CHRISTIAN, P. E., 3

110. Murfreesboro.....	W. McGee, 2
111. Northampton.....	C. E. Hobday, 2
112. Meherrin.....	J. E. McSparren, 1
113. Bertie.....	B. F. Tennille, 1
114. Hartford.....	E. M. Jordan, 1
115. Edenton.....	W. G. Bates, 2
116. Pasquotank.....	E. N. S. Blogg, 2
117. Elizabeth City.....	R. A. Compton, 2
118. Suffolk.....	E. M. Peterson, 2
119. Gates.....	J. H. Amiss, 2
120. Southampton.....	J. Q. Rhodes, 2
121. North Southampton.....	M. S. Colonna, 1
122. Chuckatuck.....	Thomas J. Bayton, 1
123. Camden.....	A. M. Hall, 3
124. Dare.....	W. W. Sawyer, 1
125. Harrellsville.....	John O. Moss, 1

## VIII. NORFOLK DISTRICT.....J. A. PROCTOR, P. E., 3

126. Cumberland Street, Norfolk.....	Joseph H. Riddick, 3
127. Granby Street, ".....	A. C. Bledsoe, 2
128. Queen Street, ".....	James F. Twitty, 2
129. Berkley.....	H. M. Hope, 1
130. Monumental, Portsmouth.....	W. E. Judkins, 2
131. Central ".....	H. P. Mitchell, 4
132. Second Street, ".....	G. M. Wright, 1
133. Norfolk Circuit.....	J. J. Edwards, 1
134. East Norfolk.....	C. C. Wertenbaker, R. M. Saunders, 1
135. South Norfolk.....	Richard Ferguson, 1
136. Princess Anne.....	T. H. Campbell, 3
137. Currituck.....	J. B. De Berry, 4
138. Hampton.....	R. J. Moorman, 2
139. York.....	J. H. Dalby, 3
140. Smithfield and Benn's.....	Jacob Manning, 4
141. Isle of Wight.....	J. E. Deshazo, 2
142. Fox Hill.....	To be supplied.
Seaman's Chaplain.....	J. B. Merritt, 1

## IX. RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.....J. P. GARLAND, P. E., 2

143. Ashland.....	Wm. E. Evans, J. E. Potts, sup'y. 1
144. Spottsylvania.....	To be supplied.
145. Caroline.....	R. A. Armistead, 1
146. Bowling Green.....	J. T. Mastin, J. G. Rowe, 1
147. Middlesex.....	D. G. C. Butts, 1

148. King and Queen.....	B. C. Spiller, 3
149. King William.....	W. T. Green, 1
150. Essex.....	J. B. Askew, 1
151. Hanover.....	R. N. Crooks, 3
152. West Hanover.....	W. E. Allen, 2
153. Goochland.....	W. A. Laughon, 3
154. West Goochland.....	To be supplied by R. H. Mullen,
155. King George.....	T. H. Boggs, 1
156. Montross.....	Paul Bradley, 3
157. Westmoreland.....	W. H. Gregory, 1
158. Westmoreland Colored Mission.....	To be supplied.
159. Heathsville.....	A. Wiles, 2
160. Bethany Station.....	R. M. Chandler, 1
161. Lancaster.....	H. T. Bacon, 2
162. East Louisa Mission.....	To be supplied,
President Randolph Macon College.....	W. W. Bennett.

X. EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.....GEORGE H. RAY, P. E., 4

163. Eastville.....	J. W. Hilldrump, 2
164. Bellhaven.....	J. W. Stiff, 1
165. Pungoteague.....	C. D. Crawley, 1
166. Onancock.....	J. C. Watson, 4
167. Atlantic.....	R. B. Beadles, 2
168. Wicomico.....	J. W. S. Robins, 2
169. Salisbury.....	B. F. Lipscomb, 2
170. Berlin.....	J. T. Routten, 2
171. Dorchester.....	William F. Bain, 2
172. South Dorchester.....	A. J. Bradshaw, 1
173. Cambridge.....	J. R. Sturgis, 1
174. Accomac.....	L. B. Betty, 2
175. Dorset Mission.....	To be supplied by W. F. Haye, 1

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*Transfers.*—William T. Williams, to Denver Conference at Las Vegas, New Mexico; Jacob N. Rosser, to Columbia Conference.



## IV.

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**Memoirs.**


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**Rev. WILLIAM J. NORFLEET.**

BY. W. E. JUDKINS.

Rev. William J. Norfleet, son of James and Mary Norfleet, was born in Edenton, North Carolina, March 8th, 1815, and died in Norfolk, Va., January 14th, 1881. Before he was two years old he was left an orphan, but was in the hands of Christian relatives, who trained him up in the Church of his parents, who were among the first members of the Methodist Church in Edenton. His religious convictions date back to the summer of 1829, when, under the ministry of the Rev. James Dey, he became a penitent at the altar in that town; but not being satisfied of his conversion, he did not join the church until January, 1831.

On the 16th day of February, 1839, he was licensed as a local preacher by the Quarterly Conference of Edenton Station, and was employed by Rev. G. W. Nolley, Presiding Elder, a part of that year as assistant preacher on Princess Anne Circuit. He commenced his work in August at a protracted meeting conducted by the local preachers at Cutherell's, near the Great Bridge. That meeting was a great blessing to him. He was encouraged. God attested his call and gave him many souls to his ministry. He was received on trial in the Virginia Conference at its session in Farmville, February, 1840, and was assigned to the Smithfield Circuit, with Rev. Joshua Leigh as preacher in charge. This was a large Circuit, embracing the counties of Isle of Wight and Surry, with some appointments in Southampton, Sussex and Prince George.

His next appointment was at Farmville Station, 1841. At the close of that year he was elected to deacon's orders, and was received into full connection. He was returned to Smithfield Circuit, which had been reduced in size, and made a compact Circuit of eight appointments.

During the next twenty years he filled the following appointments consecutively: Amelia, two years; Lunenburg, one year; Gloucester, two years; Gates, two years; Suffolk, two years; Elizabeth City, two years; Nottoway, one year; Murfreesboro, one year; Pasquotank, two years; Edenton, one year; and the Edenton Mission to Colored People, four years.

On the Murfreesboro Circuit his health began to fail, and on

Pasquotank Circuit his health was so enfeebled that, at the next Conference, he asked a supernumerary relation; but at the solicitation of his Presiding Elder he withdrew his request and consented to take Edenton Station. In all these Circuits and Stations God gave him success in winning souls, and in several of them were gracious revivals, and very many souls converted to God.

At the Conference of 1862 he was placed on the supernumerary list, and continued in this relation to the Conference until his death.

After the war he moved to Norfolk and settled, joining the Granby Street church. In this church he labored in various capacities up to the time when the Queen Street church was built. Feeling, doubtless, that this young church needed his help more than the old established church at Granby street, he united with it, and threw his soul, labor and means into the work of its development.

In the pulpit, Sabbath School and elsewhere, as opportunity offered and ability was given him, he devoted himself to the building up of the church at this point. The school and congregation deeply appreciated his labors, and learned to love him with ardent affection.

As a man, he was high-toned, gentlemanly in his bearing, courteous, genial, unobtrusive, modest. As a friend, warm-hearted, sincere, faithful. As a husband and father, he was devoted, of womanly tenderness, and ceaseless in his considerate care of the comfort and happiness of his beloved family. As a Christian, humble, devoted, undemonstrative; of strong, abiding faith, and cheerful hope. The sunshine of his religion was felt all about him. As a minister of the Gospel, consecrated, loving his work and being loved both for himself and his work's sake unto the end. As a preacher, his style was clear, his voice pleasant, his manner grave and earnest, and his sermons full of the marrow of the Gospel, delivered plainly, but with loving fervor upon the souls of his hearers.

Last year he had a most painful and protracted illness, which it was thought would terminate his life. But he rallied, and during the summer and fall had seemingly recovered his usual health.

He was at our last Conference, in Danville, and many of us will recall his genial face and brotherly greetings there.

His old malady returned upon him suddenly about a week before his death, and soon ended his earthly life. To vindicate all that I have said and implied of him as a Christian, in this very brief sketch, I have only to quote the following, among many similar utterances which fell from his lips, during his illness last year, and that which ended his noble life. These utterances of his, will, I am sure, be precious and comforting to his many friends under whose eyes they may fall, and whom in other days he sought to lead to heaven.

His illness last year was of several weeks' duration, and his sufferings at times agonizing. I quote from one who watched with tenderest love at his bedside during that illness, she says:

"At times his face would become perfectly radiant, and he would become almost ecstatic in his exclamations of love and praise."  
 'Twas glorious to be at his bedside at such times to witness what the religion of Jesus can do for our souls. One day when suffering the most extreme agony he prayed to be relieved, but added, "Father, not my will, but thine be done. If I can glorify thee by suffering, let me suffer still, only give me grace to bear it." At another time he said:

"In my hand no price I bring,  
 Simply to Thy Cross I cling."

Yes, no price I bring, but O the joy, the comfort of this sweet, abiding hope."

He would talk in this strain sometimes for half an hour, and then fall into a sweet, refreshing sleep. The death of Brother John Bayley, occurring at that time, seemed to affect him very much. The next Sunday he said, "How I would like to spend this Sabbath around our Father's throne with my dear Brother Bayley." (They joined the Conference together.) But there was no discontent or murmuring in his longing to go and realize the reward for which he had labored so long. Resignation reigned supreme over every other feeling. During this illness, his beloved wife was sitting one day with his hands clasped in hers, when with a radiant face he looked up at her and said, "I may not be conscious when the end comes, but rest assured of this, that when the brittle thread of life is clipped, I shall fall in the arms of Jesus."

His last illness lasted only about a week, and was violent from the first, often rendering him unconscious. When conscious, however, he would often exclaim, "Blessed Jesus; yes, my Almighty Friend." On another occasion he said, "Oh the joy, the bliss, of knowing, of realizing all that Heaven means." On the evening preceding his death, his wife, herself tortured by the agony of his sufferings, said to him, "If it were the Lord's will to take you, I would rather give you up than see you suffering such agony, for I know you are not afraid to die, or do not dread death." To which he replied, "Oh no, death has no terror or gloom to me. If it were His will to take me to-night, or at this very moment, I am ready and willing to go; but, Lord, if it is thy will I should suffer longer, I am willing to suffer." He then closed his eyes and repeated the second stanza of the hymn, "I would not live alway," emphasizing and repeating twice the words—"No, welcome the tomb." Then he repeated the words,

"Oh blessed Jesus, oh how long  
 Have I on earth to stay?  
 Roll on, roll on, ye wheels of time,  
 And bring the joyful day."

This he was constantly repeating all during his illness, always closing with "Yes, that joyful day." These were his last words except to call his wife's name. He thus passed away gently, and without a struggle. What a fitting end to such a life! Who that can read these utterances of this suffering and dying man

of God, and not thank God for the reality and blessedness of our holy religion?

He was my pastor, friend and counsellor at a critical period of my early religious life, when the claims of the ministry were pressing upon me. He has been enshrined in my heart ever since, and I hope to meet him in heaven.

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## Rev. BENJAMIN THOMAS AMES.

BY J. CARSON WATSON.

Benjamin Thomas Ames, son of John and Polly Ames, was born in Accomac county, Virginia, January 7th, 1821.

Just before he had reached man's estate, his mother was removed by death. Very soon afterward Divine truth took hold of his heart, and he was happily converted to God—being the first soul born in Wesley Chapel, and old church still standing in Locustville, though unused, having been superseded by a very neat structure named for our beloved James A. Duncan. He delayed not to connect himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, identifying himself fully with all her enterprises for advancing the cause of the Redeemer. Soon after his conversion the church called upon him to exercise his gifts as an Exhorter, and a few months later to fill the position of a Local Preacher. He closely allied himself to the Sunday School work; and now, by the adult generation of the neighborhood, he is spoken of as "the model superintendent." On the 1st of February, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Juliet A. James, who was a helpmeet indeed, and who, during all his years of sore physical affliction, was as a "ministering angel." April 4th, 1856, he was ordained to the office of a Local Deacon, by Bishop Scott, in Philadelphia. When, in 1857, a large portion of the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Eastern Shore of Virginia adhered South, he cast in his lot with them.

Feeling impelled to go out into a wider field of usefulness, Brother Ames was recommended, in 1858, by Eastville Circuit for admission on trial into the travelling connection, and in November of that year, in Portsmouth, was received by the Virginia Conference, and for two successive years appointed to Charles City Circuit. In 1860, he was sent to York Circuit; but the war breaking out a few months after he reached that field, and his labors being interrupted, he removed with his family to the county of his birth. In 1861, at Norfolk, he was elected to Elder's orders; but, being absent, was not ordained. The war being in progress, and the Eastern Shore thus virtually for the time separated from the Conference, Bishop Andrew formed the Atlantic District, and placed Brother Ames in charge as Presiding Elder. Having no other travelling preacher in his District, he did his utmost to supply the spiritual wants of the flock of Christ. In 1862, Atlantic Circuit was instituted in connection with the Washington District, and Brother Ames ap-

pointed thereto, with but one other pastor on the District. In 1863 and 1864, he was returned to the same charge, and in 1865 was placed as assistant on the same Circuit. At the session of this body, held at Charlottesville, in 1868, he was placed on the superannuated list, and has since been annually returned thereon.

When duty called, Brother Ames was deaf to every other voice. During the years in which he was almost alone in his ministerial work on the Eastern Shore, he travelled, preached, visited the sick and sorrowing, buried the dead, and performed other arduous duties of an itinerant in his extensive field, not ceasing for heat nor cold, rain nor snow. January 8th, 1866 (one of the coldest days in many years), he travelled not less than twenty miles to preach a funeral sermon, at the request of the subject on his death-bed. Having been nearly frozen on the journey thither and returning, he repaired to his home, and three days afterward was partially paralyzed. He was enabled to attend, in a measure, to his engagements for about eighteen months; but fourteen years since, in 1867, by another attack he was helplessly stricken down, during all which long and weary years, up to the very last hour, his devoted wife was with him, assisted by other relatives, doing for him everything that affection could suggest or he could request.

Brother Ames was a perfect pattern of patience and resignation. His peace was caused to "flow as a river." Up to the last few weeks his mind had been entirely clear. As his pastor for nearly three years, I had the privilege of frequent conversations with him, in all of which he assured me of his entire resignation and preparation; that he was "patiently waiting for the Lord to call him;" and that in all his sickness he had been "a stranger to that fear that bath torment."

On the morning of September 27th, 1881, a few minutes after midnight, death gently, almost imperceptibly dissolved his earthly tabernacle, and his freed spirit was doubtless wafted away to the realms of bliss.

Thus has passed away "a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," and his works do follow him. Many will rise up to call him blessed at the last day. He was faithful in all the relations of life. His widow, two daughters, two brothers, a sister, and many other relatives, survive to cherish his memory.

After suitable services at the church in Locustville, September 28th, we laid his body to rest, within a few yards of where he first saw the light, to await the summons of the resurrection trump.

If we be faithful, we shall meet him again.



## V. REPORTS

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### EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report.

No subject which has been presented for the consideration of the Conference has a claim superior to education. It is a subject of vital interest and importance to the Church, and should enlist for its promotion the zeal, earnestness and hearty cooperation of the entire membership. In fact, the prosperity of the Church depends, in a very great measure, upon the educational advantages which are enjoyed. Mr. Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, was not only eminent for great natural ability, but for profound learning. He availed himself of every opportunity to obtain information and gather instruction from every source. He prosecuted his studies with untiring assiduity and unabated solicitude until he became an accomplished scholar, fully qualified for the great work to which, in the providence of God, he seemed to have been called. Many of his coadjutors were likewise distinguished for erudition. They labored with eagerness to acquire knowledge, and evinced a recognition of the importance of its diffusion among the masses. They were quick to perceive the advantages of a cultivated intellect, and readily aided and encouraged all educational enterprises, while engaged in ministerial duties—laboring for the salvation of souls. These historic facts, showing our fathers to have so fully appreciated the benefits of a thorough and liberal education, should stimulate us to greater efforts in the maintenance of the institutions of learning among us. Their example is worthy of our imitation.

There never was a period in the history of the Church when the subject of Education was a matter of graver and higher moment than the present. Our country is passing through a fearful crisis in its religious and moral aspects. Old systems and long cherished institutions have been abolished. The walls which once environed us have been razed. The flood-gates have been lifted up, and there is pouring in upon us, on the Atlantic coasts and on the Pacific shores, a tide of immigration—a foreign population, whose views and feelings are antagonistic to ours. The tocsin of alarm has been sounded through the land, and arrested attention in the council of the nation. Idolatry has been busy in the erection of altars and in the introduction of strange gods on the slopes of the West, while the syren voice of Infidelity has been heard in the Lyceums and Lecture Halls of the East. These heterogeneous people must, in the lapse of time, commingle with us and form a part of the great body politic. What is to be the result of the fusion of a people whose interests are so adverse and whose opinions are so much in conflict, is a question of deep importance, a problem which the future must solve.

That there are elements insidiously at work, likely at no distant day to disturb the peace and quiet of the Church which, under the blessing of God, she has enjoyed so long, is a fact which can not be disguised. This age is denominated an age of progress.



Philosophy and science, which hitherto so diffidently occupied the background, have made gigantic strides to the front, and with a presumption unknown in former years, have invaded the sacred precincts of Revelation, and arrayed themselves against its soul-thrilling instructions. Well for the Church if every Christian heed the admonition of the Apostle and "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

While skepticism is hurling its sharpest shafts, and endeavoring to sap the foundation of the hopes which cluster around the blood-stained banner of the Cross, the importance of deep, thorough, mental and moral culture demands our most serious and prayerful attention. We hold it to be the sacred and imperative duty of the Church to provide ample means for meeting all the obligations resting upon her for the intellectual and moral advancement and thorough training of the young committed to her. As a Church, we should use all the appliances within our reach, in order that we may keep pace with the advancing footsteps of Time.

It affords the Committee very great pleasure to announce that there are so many Institutions of learning within the bounds of our Conference, all of high grade, and offering great facilities of education on terms so moderate and accommodating.

At the head of these stands Randolph Macon College, located at Ashland, Va. This is the oldest Methodist College in America, and it has a prestige of which it may well be proud. It has been in operation for nearly fifty years, and during these years it has accomplished a vast deal of good. It has sent out from its halls, again and again, men who have filled some of the most important and useful stations of life. They may be found in the executive, judicial and legislative departments of civil government, as well as in colleges and universities as Professors and Presidents. Many have won fame in the former and the pulpit, and some have been elevated to the highest positions of trust and honor in the Church.

As Methodists in Virginia, we can not afford to lose the great benefits accruing from Randolph Macon College, and at no time should we allow her to languish for want of support; no dark cloud should ever lower over her. The College is greatly indebted to its honored President, Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., for the indomitable efforts which he has put forth to remove all pecuniary embarrassments. We trust that the claims of Randolph Macon for patronage will be urged by preachers and laymen of our Church, and that her future history will be as glorious as her past.

Among our Female Schools that afford enlarged facilities for Education we mention:

1. Farmville College, located at Farmville, Va., on the line of the Norfolk and Western railroad. Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., is President of this Institution. It has an able and experienced Faculty. The location is proverbial for healthfulness, and is accessible from all points. The advantages which this Institution affords can not be surpassed. We cheerfully commend it to the favor and patronage of the public.

2. The Southern Female College, located in Petersburg, Va. This Institution of Learning is under the presidency of Williams T. Davis, A. M., a man of ripe experience and well earned reputation as an Educator. He is assisted in his work by a full corps of competent and faithful teachers. He is justly entitled to a large patronage and full confidence.

3. The Suffolk Female Institute, located at Suffolk, Va. This is a flourishing school, under the management of the Misses Finney, who are accomplished scholars, and possess a peculiar aptness for imparting instruction and winning the affection of their pupils. Special attention is given to the health and com-

fort of those committed to their care. The course of study is as complete as in any Female College. The school is worthy of the highest commendation.

4. The Wesleyan Female College, located at Murfreesboro', N. C. This Institution, Phoenix like, has risen from its ashes and entered upon a new career under the presidential auspices of E. E. Parham, A. M. Mr. Parham, once President of Warrenton Female College, and more recently one of the principals of Richmond Female Institute, carries to the Wesleyan a large experience and fine reputation. He is a thorough scholar, and is aided by a full corps of proficient teachers.

5. Bonair Institute, situated in the village of Smithville, Charlotte county, Va. This is a regularly chartered Institute, with a Board of Corporators, under whose supervision it is conducted. It has a sufficient number of well qualified teachers, with Rev. E. A. Gibbs as its Principal. It is entitled to the confidence and support of our people.

6. Bowling Green Female Seminary, at Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va. This school is in a very prosperous condition, and is under the conduct of Mrs. W. T. Chandler, aided by seven expert teachers. Its unparalleled success in the past is the best commendation that can be given. It is the only Female School of high grade in the northern part of our Conference.

7. The Bowling Green High School, located at Bowling Green, and under the control and management of Rev. J. G. Rowe, is surrounded by a moral atmosphere, and is worthy of the consideration and patronage of any who may have sons to educate preparatory to entrance into colleges, or fitness for the ordinary avocations of life.

Your Committee, after due deliberation, recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Finance be directed to make the usual assessment of \$3,000 as an educational fund, to be raised the next year for Randolph Macon College, and that all our preachers in charge explain the necessity and reason for this assessment to the people, and that they endeavor to collect the full amount assessed in their various charges.

2. That the preachers be requested to take up collections in the month of May for the Educational Fund.

3. That we request the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. J. C. Granbery, D. D., Professor in Vanderbilt University; Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., President of Randolph Macon College; Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., President of Farmville College.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. BOOKER, Chairman.

After the above report was written, the following preamble and resolution were presented and incorporated:

Whereas the Holston Conference has appointed a Committee of Three to confer with similar Committees from the Baltimore, North Carolina, and Virginia Conferences, as to the propriety of a consolidation of the male colleges under the care of these Conferences; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee of Three to confer with the representatives of Holston Conference, and that we hereby unite in requesting the appointment of similar Committees on the part of the North Carolina and Baltimore Conferences.

GEO. E. BOOKER, Chairman.

## PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The annual report of the Book Agent, referred to your Committee, limit the information which it furnishes principally to two points: The business of the Publishing House for the year ending June 1st, 1881; and the statement of liabilities from debt contracted before June, 1878. The information on other points derived from it is rather the result of inference than of direct statement. We are not furnished with any account of expenses or estimate of the assets of the Publishing House. The business of the establishment for the year is stated at \$178,748.72. The receipts from other sources at \$3,841.82. From these receipts it appears that additions have been made to the outfit of the House to the amount of \$10,000, the interest on the debt has been paid to the amount of \$10,000, and on the debts contracted prior to June 1st, 1878, payments have been made to the amount of \$31,175.86. These statements serve to indicate a nett profit of about \$47,000 on the sales made during the year. The statement of liabilities show a reduction of the debt in three years to the extent of \$104,544.70. Assuming that these exhibits correctly represent the condition of the House (and we know of no reason why we should not trust them), there seems to be good reason for encouragement and sufficient ground to hope that at no distant period the House will, with skilful management, be relieved of debt, and furnish to the Church the advantages which it was designed to secure.

We heartily commend to our people the periodicals published by the House. The *Nashville Advocate* is eminently worthy of support not only as the official organ of our Church, but as a religious and family paper equal to the best of its class. The *Advocate of Missions* ought to be in every Methodist home. The Sunday School publications cannot be substituted by any others with advantage to our Church interests and our people. It is hoped that the proposed reduction in the cost of some of them will result in largely increasing their use and circulation. In our judgment, the *Southern Quarterly Review* well deserves the patronage of our people.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest that an efficient system of colportage would not only result in greatly increasing the business of the Publishing House, but would be of immense advantage to us as a denomination in supplying our own people with our own literature, thereby increasing their knowledge of and interest in the Church, and enriching their minds and hearts with influences of the most ennobling and purifying character. Perhaps the age has past when the itinerant preachers could be expected to take as much concern as they were accustomed to do in the earlier times of Methodism, in the dissemination of our literature, and it may be well worth while for the approaching General Conference to consider whether a system of colportage may not be devised, which will do for Methodists what other denominations are doing themselves—carry the religious literature of the Church to the doors of all our people.

The *Richmond Christian Advocate*, as representing especially the local interest of our Conference, is indispensable to us, and as a family and religious journal of elevated character and ability, deserves our highest commendation and a greatly increased circulation.

The *Homiletic Monthly*, published by Dr. Sledd, is a journal which supplies substantial mental food, and deserves the patronage of Methodist people.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WALKER, Chairman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS. .

Your Committee appointed on the subject of Sunday Schools within the bounds of our Conference, beg leave to submit the following report :

We do not deem it necessary at this stage of Sunday School work, progress, and development to offer any special argument to prove the importance of this great church enterprise. It must be apparent to the most casual observer, that by this agency a work is being accomplished in training our children, moulding their character, and shaping their destiny which could not be so timely and thoroughly effected by any other instrumentality. It has been wisely and truly said, "the hand that rocks the cradle governs the world." If this be true in matters of State, of civil and political influence, may we not also see and appreciate the force of this maxim as it applies to the church of God, and the influence and power of his kingdom in the earth.

If the church is to accomplish her mission in the world, if she is to achieve that influence and power which is prophesied for her in the future; if her glorious truths are to sway the nations of the earth; if the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, she must place her hand of love and fostering care upon her children, implant the seeds of gospel truth in their young and tender hearts, and thus train them for the largest measure of usefulness here, and glory hereafter.

It is a fact worthy of note, that in the last decade there has been much improvement in the methods and appliances for prosecuting the Sunday School work. Much of the best talents of our church is to-day being employed to furnish us with the most valuable Sunday School literature. The graduated series of lesson helps, published at our own house in Nashville, by Dr. W. E. Cunyningham, embracing a regular course of instruction, from the infant class to the highest grade of teaching, has been, we are glad to report, improved in style and matter, and reduced in price.

We are also gratified to learn that our house at Nashville has now in press a new Bible Dictionary for Sunday Schools, prepared by Dr. J. C. Granbery, and that it will soon be ready for use. Rev. H. M. Hope, who was appointed at the last session of our Conference to obtain information from the various Sunday Schools in our charges, relative to their progress, reports that he has had correspondence through the Pastors or Superintendents with 340 schools; of these, 138 continue their sessions through the year, 2 continue 11 months, 22 continue 9 months, 38 continue 8 months, 26 continue 7 months, 57 continue 6 months, 8 continue 5 months, 6 continue 4 months, and 2 continue 3 months. As far as practicable our Schools should continue their sessions uninterruptedly through the whole year, as contemplated in the course of study provided for them. Of the 340 schools reporting, 262 use our own publications, 27 use publications other than our own, and 51 use no lesson Helps. We rejoice to be able to state that there have been 985 conversions in the Schools which have reported.

It seems, from the information furnished us, that some of the Schools in the country suffer depreciation because of the absence of officers and teachers who attend special protracted services held on Sunday at other points in the charge. We, therefore, request the Pastors to urge Sunday School workers to remain at their posts of duty. Fidelity, regularity, and punctuality are essential to success in Sunday School work.

We offer for your consideration the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, 1st, That we urge upon our Schools the importance of using the Sunday School literature and lesson series furnished by our own Publishing House, since it is highly important that we have sound teaching in our schools as well as our pulpits.

*Resolved*, 2d, That we recommend to the schools and families of our Church a catechism for the instruction of children in the nature of baptism, by Rev. Richard Ferguson, of our Conference.

*Resolved*, 3d, That we urge upon our preachers the importance of securing the co-operation of as many efficient church members as possible to visit the Sunday Schools of their charges and assist as far as they may be able in conducting them.

*Resolved*, 4th, That Rev. H. M. Hope be appointed Sunday School Secretary for this Annual Conference, and that the preachers and Sabbath School Superintendents be requested to co-operate with him.

*Resolved*, 5th, That the second Sunday in June, 1882, be set apart as Children's Day throughout the Conference, and that the preachers on their several charges be requested to conduct services suitable to the occasion.

J. WILEY BLEDSOE, Chairman of Committee.

### BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause call attention to the amount of work which has been accomplished in the past ten years by the Virginia Bible Society. 189,880 families have been visited, and 183,648 Bibles and portions have been placed in the homes of the people. So noiseless and unobtrusive is this agency that it may easily be overlooked. The colporteur casts the living seed of God's Word into the home, and goes his way, not watching the result, but the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear; and the ripe grain shall be gathered in the great harvest.

We call attention also to the small cost of this valuable work. This year it has cost the Society eleven and a quarter cents to visit each family, and nineteen and a-half cents to distribute each volume; this is the expense of the colportage. Rev. Mr. Staples fills the office of Secretary and General Agent without a salary. He receives \$150 for his personal expenses incurred in connection with the work, and \$600 for the management of the depository; the addition of \$100 for room rent makes a total of \$850. This plan, to which the Board was driven by lack of funds, increases the importance of collections by our pastors without waiting for a visit from the Agent.

We have been called to acknowledge, year after year, the cheerful liberality of the American Bible Society to our Virginia organization. Without this generous help, we could have done little. That Society justly thinks the time has come for the fuller development and expression of a practical interest in the cause by our own people. They offer to send to the Virginia Society \$2,000 worth of Bibles for every \$1,000 remitted to them, until the re-canvass of the State, now progressing, shall be completed. Shall we have the appreciation of the cause, the diligence and liberality to avail ourselves of this offer?

We commend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the Virginia Annual Conference rejoices in the work which has already been accomplished by the Bible Society of Virginia, and earnestly desires the continuance of this organization, which is older than the American Bible Society.

2. That the claims of this Society should be annually brought by our pastors before their congregations, and deserves a large and glad response in their contributions.

J. C. GRANBERY,  
H. C. CHEATHAM,  
WM. GRANT.



# PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

For all necessary information with respect to the condition and work of the Preachers' Relief Society, the Conference is respectfully referred to the Report of the Secretary and Treasurer hereto appended.

R. N. SLEDD, President.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the President and Directors of the Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans :*

Dear Brethren—In accordance with the requirements of our By-Laws, I beg leave to present the annual statement of the working of the Society during the past year, viz: from the 11th November, 1880, to the 7th November, 1881, inclusive, and also of the present condition of its finances :

### RECEIPTS.

1880.	Nov. 11.	Balance of cash on deposit at this date .....				\$1,500 00
1881.	Nov. 7.	Received during the year from subscribers .....		\$866 75		
		Received during the year as donations .....	27 00			
		Balance of bequest of Miss Brown, of Kentucky.....	63 71	90 71		
		Interest on Norfolk City Bonds....	620 67			
		Interest on Pub'g House Bonds...	10 00			
		Interest on deposits in Bank.....	106 88	737 55	1,695 01	
		Interest for city bonds maturing and redeemed.....			2,100 00	
						\$5,295 01

### DISBURSEMENTS.

1880.	November.	Amount appropriated at Conference in Danville as follows : Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, \$100 ; Rev. R. Michaels, \$75 ; Rev. R. N. Crooks, \$50 ; Rev. C. H. Green, \$50 ; Rev. George H. Zimmerman, \$50 ; Rev. F. A. Davis, \$50 ; Rev. D. M. Wallace, \$50 ; Rev. A. Wiles, \$35 ; Rev. J. F. Brannin, \$25 ; Miss Mary Scott, \$15.....	\$500 00		
		Amount paid for \$4,500 Norf. City Scrip, at par and acc'd interest.....	4,576 50		
		Amount paid Secretary and Treasurer's salary, twelve months.....	150 00		
		Traveling expenses, \$12 40 ; P. cards, \$20 ; stamps, \$3 ; printing, \$3.....	38 40	\$5,264 90	
		Balance of cash on deposit carried to next fiscal year.....			\$30 11
		The present assets of the Society consist of :			
		6 per cent. registered bonds of the City of Norfolk.....	\$12,400 00		
		4 per cent. coupon bonds of the So. Meth. Pub'g House .....	250 00		
		Cash on deposit in Exchange Nat'l Bank, Norfolk.....	30 11		
					\$12,680 11

The net increase of the general fund for the year is \$1,006 61.



With the advice and assistance of Brother George M. Bain, Jr., I have succeeded in investing nearly every dollar of our cash balance in what we consider perfectly safe securities, viz: Norfolk city registered scrip, bearing 6 per cent. interest, which is regularly paid semi-annually. Twenty-one hundred dollars of the scrip formerly held matured in 1881, and the money was received and re-invested. Two thousand more would mature in 1882, and this was exchanged at par; so that all the Norfolk city bonds we now hold will continue to run until 1885.

Finding that the plan pursued in 1880 of sending full lists of names, subscriptions and payments to the preachers in the various charges failed to produce desired results, I returned this year to the old course of application to individuals by mail. This course, although involving more labor, and somewhat more of expense for postage, &c., will, I think, produce larger receipts at the Conference session, as it has already secured an increase of about eighty per cent. in the receipts at my office during the interval between the Conference sessions; being, in fact, \$326.28 in 1881, against \$181.50 in 1880.

Pursuant to resolution passed at the session in November, 1880, the Committee made efforts to secure an agent for three or four months, to travel and collect for the Society, but no satisfactory arrangement could be made. If it be the pleasure of the Board, it might be desirable that the Committee be continued with the same powers.

Within the past seven years the Board has appropriated two thousand two hundred and fifty-five dollars to cases of deep affliction among our preachers, without touching a dollar of our principal. It would doubtless afford you very great pleasure to distribute thousands where you now distribute hundreds, and if our brethren of the ministry and of the laity would take an active interest in the work by paying the thousands still due on old subscriptions, and securing new friends and helpers in the cause, we might soon have that gratification.

You will oblige by the appointment of a Committee to examine my books and accounts.

Very respectfully,

J. H. DAWSON,  
Sec. and Treas. P. R. S.

*Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 17th, 1881.*

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#### TEMPERANCE.

The evils resulting from the sale of intoxicants constitute one of the most serious because one of the most powerful obstacles to religious progress. They meet the gospel herald in country sparse and city full, and wherever found present peculiar dangers to the institutions of Christianity. Their strength is discovered by the amount of successful resistance offered for years to all the efforts made by temperance organizations and by ecclesiastical bodies of all denominations, to educate the population of our country up to a proper idea of philanthropic or Christian duty in the premises. For more than a century, the Methodism we love has battled the wrong by the testimony of its general rules and by the example and work of pious preachers and laymen.

In the present condition of the contest, we recognize with joy a growing sentiment in favor of exertion toward securing an act by the Legislature of the State giving to the counties power to forbid the sale of ardent spirits as a beverage in their territory. This we regard a step in the right direction, and hope the time will soon come when the firm hand of law will abate the danger we deplore.

Your Committee can but feel well assured that the importance of taking decided ground on a subject so intimately connected with success, is recognized by our Conference and membership. We herein offer the following resolutions :

1st. That we are gratified at the renewed zeal in our land in reference to the suppression of the sale of ardent spirits, and bid God-speed to all prudent measures looking to the securement of influence upon our Legislature in regard to the passage of a law for the cessation of such trade.

2nd. That we urge our clerical and lay members to so enforce the law of our Church as to free our membership from all connection with the traffic which stands so much in the way of spreading vital piety.

3rd. That our book of law in connection with episcopal decisions give authority to the societies of our Church to exercise discipline where all persuasions and affectionate appeals fail to secure the abandonment of the trade in intoxicants by our members.

4th. That we regard pastoral duty to embrace attention to the sale of ardent spirits wherever it is known to be engaged in by members of our Church, and we urge our pastors to use all proper means to carry out our rules on this subject.

F. M. EDWARDS,  
C. E. WATTS.

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#### DIVISION OF THE CONFERENCE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Committee, unless by a readjustment of the Conference boundaries we can secure an accession of territory, there is no line by which to effect an equable and judicious division of the Virginia Conference territory into two Conferences.

W. W. BENNETT, Chairman.

## VI.

## THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board is thankful to the Great Head of the Church to report that the enterprises on which they entered last Conference have been, in nearly every instance, more or less crowned with success.

Reports have been received by the Board from the following mission fields of the Conference, viz. :

Rev. G. W. Bailey, in charge of the Piedmont Mission, Charlottesville District, reports : "Held seven protracted meetings, with good results at each—with fifty conversions and fifty accessions to the Church. Adult baptisms, 49; infant baptisms, 2. One small house of worship built, costing \$125; amount contributed for support of missionary by congregations, \$50; for Sunday Schools, \$10; other purposes, \$105; in all, \$290. Members on Church register, 218. Churches with members are continuously being detached from this mission field and attached to adjoining circuits—one last year with 138 members. I expect to build three new Churches next year, having most of the money subscribed. Have four Sunday Schools on the mission, with twenty officers and teachers and 125 scholars."

Rev. A. C. Berryman, in charge of Madison Mission, Lynchburg District, reports : Members on register, 225, being an increase of 24. Improvement in spiritual condition gratifying. The assessment for the support of the minister has been met." This mission has been divided into Madison and Danielstown.

Rev. T. R. Dunn, in charge of the East Louisa Mission, Randolph Macon District, makes a report showing the field to be wide and promising. Members on register, 90—increase, 27; baptisms, 8; two Sunday Schools, with 14 officers and teachers and 81 scholars. Amount raised for support of ministry, \$63.75; domestic missions, \$3; foreign missions, \$4; for Bishop's fund, \$2.50; educational collection, \$3; Sunday Schools, \$9; building and repairing churches, \$9.50; total, \$1,042.50.

Glenmore Mission, Lynchburg District, has been in charge of Rev. J. W. Parrish. He reports 110 members on Church register, an increase of 34. Baptisms, 14; one Sunday School, with 14 officers and teachers and 106 scholars. Received for support of minister, \$145; Sunday Schools, \$18.50; building and repairing Churches, \$140; in all, \$299.50.

Rev. Wm. Grant had the Hertford Mission, Murfreesboro District, in his charge the past year. The year has been blessed with good results. One good Church was built and paid for, at Powellsville, N. C. The mission having been merged into the Harrellsville Circuit, no longer claims an appropriation from the Board.

South Patrick Mission, Danville District, was under the charge of Rev. C. E. Wrenn, from whom no report has been received. This mission, formerly so promising, is this year an exception, the result of neglect or inattention on the part of the missionary in charge. It will, however, be continued.

The Board had no report from the Bedford Mission, but the mission was continued.

The following new fields have been established for the ensuing year, viz. :

Meadows of Dan Mission, Danville District.

Dorset Mission, Eastern Shore District.

Danielstown Mission, Lynchburg District.

Warwick Mission, Richmond District.

The Conference and the Church should bear all these destitute fields, which are "so white unto the harvest," on their hearts, praying the Great Shepherd that the scattered sheep in them may speedily be gathered into his fold. Surely the men who labor in them should receive their meagre hire, and not be scaled down every year—this year 15 cents in the dollar on account of deficiency in collections.

Though far from measuring up fully to the standard of liberality set up for the Church in the Word of God, nevertheless, the Board is thankful that the Treasurer's Report exhibits improvement in collections for both Domestic and Foreign Missions.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT—ABSTRACT.

Received on Assessments 1880-81—For Domestic Missions.....	\$4,847 04
"                    "                    "                    For Foreign Missions.....	8,532 03
	<hr/> \$13,379 07

To this should be added public collection at the Anniversary Meeting Saturday night, \$569.30, which divided increases the Foreign and Domestic Funds each \$284.65, and increases total to \$13,948.37. This does not include \$100 specially subscribed by a gentleman for Mrs. Royall, wife of Rev. W. W. Royall, Missionary to China, nor subscriptions to be paid in the future. Out of the amount of the Domestic Mission Fund the Board declared a dividend of 85 per cent. for the support of Home Missions and weak circuits and stations.)

*Report of Rev. J. B. Laurens, Treasurer and Secretary of the "Rosebuds," of Virginia Conference, 1880-81 :*

Receipts from Nov. 15 to Nov. 16, 1881.....	\$1,150 68
On hand at last report.....	227 86
	<hr/> 1,378 54

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Dr. Patterson to build Children's Church at Ameca, Mexico.....	\$500 00
Paid Teacher of Mission School at Cuernavaca, Mexico.....	240 00
" Dr. Allen for Teacher in China.....	100 00
" Dr. Lambuth for Teacher, supported by Virginia Rosebuds.....	75 00
" Mrs. Lambuth for Education of Chinese girl to be named "Rosebud Campbell".....	40 00
	<hr/> \$955 00
Leaving balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$418 65

Would that all the adults in the Church might speedily, in the work of missionary effort, "become as these little children." Taking these "Rosebuds" as shadowing the zeal and working power of the coming generation, the Church has good ground to hope for better things in its efforts to bring the heathen to a knowledge of Christ.

The Board had no information from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference.

The Board acknowledges the reception of a letter from Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South; also, a letter from Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary So-

ciety, M. E. Church, South. In response the Board adopted the following resolutions :

1. That this Board is gratified at being assured by the Missionary Secretary that, from the indications, at a comparatively early day, large success will reward the toils of our missionaries ; and that the field of operations is extending in every direction. We deem it important that our missionary operations be extended as far as is at all in accordance with our ability.

2. With regard to the Missionary Mass Meetings, we recommend that they be held at central points wherever practicable.

3. The *Advocate of Missions*, so ably conducted, commends itself to our people, and we recommend it to their patronage.

4. That we rejoice in the good fruits reported by the Woman's Missionary Society in the different mission fields.

5. We recommend that wherever in the judgment of pastors and people it is deemed expedient, that they aid in the organization of auxiliary societies, being deeply impressed with the importance of woman's work ; in our great mission-field, because women only have free access to their sex in many heathen lands, and can thus more fully teach them the way of salvation.

6. That we recognize *The Woman's Missionary Advocate* as an important auxiliary in disseminating intelligence, and therefore we recommend it as worthy of the patronage of the Church.

7. The Executive Association of the Woman's Missionary Society having appropriated \$30,000 for carrying on this work during the ensuing year, we trust the liberality of our people may be such as will more than fulfil the expectations of these devoted co-workers in this great and good work, to accomplish which we assure them of our sympathy, and offer our hearty co-operation.

The Board had before it the matter of distribution of religious literature on its missions, and passed the following resolution :

That the Secretary of this Board be and he is hereby authorized to distribute tracts and religious literature to the missionaries in the employ of the Board, and to require them to report to him the disposition of the same ; provided, however, that the funds of the Board proper shall not be used for purchasing said literature, but only such as shall be donated for that special purpose.

The following are the missions under the charge of Mission Board for the ensuing year, with the appropriations allowed them, viz. :

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—

Madison Mission.....	\$300 00	
Danielstown Mission.....	150 00	
Bedford Mission.....	200 00	
Glenmore Mission.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$750 00

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—

Piedmont Mission.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	200 00

RICHMOND DISTRICT—

Warwick Mission.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	250 00

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT—

East Louisa Mission.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	250 00

DANVILLE DISTRICT—

South Patrick Mission.....	200 00	
Meadows of Dan Mission.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	350 00

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—

Dorset Mission.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	100 00

Total.....		<hr/>	\$1,900 00
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W. E. JUDKINS, *Chairman.*

RICHARD IRBY, *Secretary.*



## LETTER FROM CHINA MISSIONARY.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, September 27, 1881.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Virginia Annual Conference, to assemble in Charlottesville, Va., November 16th, 1881 :*

BELoved BRETHREN,—I beg leave to submit to you a report of my work during the past ten months.

We arrived on the field, as you already know, on the 8th of December, 1880, and I began at the earliest opportunity my study of the language.

About the middle of February, the departure of Dr. W. R. Lambuth for the United States rendered necessary the removal of nearly all the members of our mission, in order to so adjust the foreign preachers that no part of the work might suffer. My removal to Nanziang turned out to be greatly for my good as to advancement in the study of Chinese. Constant contact so assisted me to retain what I acquired, that I soon found myself almost prepared to preach. But the approach of hot weather rendered it imprudent for me to expose myself, and so I was unable to go into active work. The severe weather of July and August weakened me greatly, but the approach of cooler weather has restored my wonted vigor. At our recent Annual Meeting, I was regularly placed in charge of the Nanziang District.

My knowledge of the language is now such as to justify the hope of an active Fall and Winter campaign. By earnest study, I am trying, not only to be thoroughly conversant with the spoken language and fluent in its use, but to be fully used also in the Vun Lee or classical. I have already begun its study, and am making encouraging progress.

I have also, by request of the congregation, and with the consent of the members of the mission, preached to the foreign congregation at the Union Chapel, and have assisted in work among a more destitute class by preaching at the hall of the Good Templars. At the latter place, congregations have been good, and there is a fine field for aggressive work. Shanghai is, unhappily, a very wicked and demoralizing place, especially to those, of whom there are hundreds, who are thrown upon this coast with none of the usual restraints upon their consciences. But, having chosen my work among the heathén, I shall not swerve from it.

Permit me to say, that more and more I feel satisfied that the step I have taken is in all respects a right one. Progress here is slow but steady. This country will ere long take her place among the foremost nations of the globe. It is ours to see that Christianity shall leaven this land, that it may stand forth for Christ and His cause.

I feel now no hesitation in urging it as a solemn duty upon my brethren, who may be moved upon by the Spirit of God, that this is the place where they are needed, and where they may do work for Christ that will result in untold good to the world.

Would that I might see the face of some of my own beloved brethren of the Virginia Conference turned toward these dark and sin-cursed shores!

I beg to greet you in the name of the Lord, to whom my prayers constantly ascend for you every one. I beg of you a continuance of that kind and brotherly interest heretofore manifested. Bear me on your hearts to the Mercy Seat!

And whether to meet again on earth or in eternity, I am, heart and soul, your unworthy, but loving, devoted brother,

W. W. ROYALL.



# CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

## II.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

### I.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Amount received from Preachers at Conference.....	\$8,532 03
“ “ “ Anniversary Collection.....	177 15
*Amount received at Anniversary Collection for Mexican Mission.....	200 00
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	\$8,909.18
Payments made by Preachers and vouchers for amounts remitted to Nashville.....	\$ 339 36
Remitted J. W. Mannier, Treasurer.....	8,569 82
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	\$8,909 18

\* \$100 for Mrs. W. W. Royal, China Mission, was remitted direct by Thomas Branch, of Richmond, Va.

### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Balance on hand from last Conference.....	\$ 91 07
Received from Preachers at Conference.....	4,850 04
“ “ Anniversary Collection.....	177 15
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	\$5,118 26

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Jamestown.....	\$ 170 00
Nicholson Street.....	63 75
Laurel Street.....	63 75
Williamsburg.....	127 50
Gordonsville.....	170 00
Piedmont Mission.....	170 00
Middle Bedford.....	85 00
Southeast Bedford.....	85 00
West Bedford.....	63 75
Madison Mission.....	297 50
Glenmore Mission.....	85 00
Bedford Mission.....	85 00
West Franklin.....	170 00
Northwest Pittsylvania.....	106 25
North Pittsylvania.....	127 50
East Franklin ..	127 50
South Patrick Mission .....	255 00
Burkeville.....	106 25
Clarksville.....	127 50
West Lunenburg.....	233 75
Wesley Chapel.....	106 25
Ettricks.....	85 00
Blandford.....	255 00
Murfreesboro .....	297 50
Edenton.....	170 00
Hertford Mission.....	106 25
Second Street .....	148 75
Fox Hill.....	85 00
Bowling Green.....	85 00
West Goochland.....	63 75
Spottsylvania.....	170 00
East Louisa Mission.....	152 50
Wicomico.....	170 00
Bell Haven.....	127 50
Dorchester.....	170 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	205 76
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	\$5,118 26

November, 1881.

GEORGE M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

# CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881-82.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—		
Laurel Street.....	\$ 200 00	
Nicholson Street.....	300 00	
Williamsburg and Bigler's.....	100 00	
		\$ 600 00
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—		
Gordonsville and Orange.....	200 00	
Culpeper Station.....	60 00	
		260 00
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—		
Bedford Springs..	105 00	
South Campbell.....	125 00	
West Campbell.....	50 00	
		275 00
DANVILLE DISTRICT—		
West Franklin.....	200 00	
Northwest Pittsylvania .....	150 00	
North Pittsylvania.....	100 00	
East Franklin.....	100 00	
		550 00
FARMVILLE DISTRICT—		
Burkeville .....	125 00	
Clarksville .....	125 00	
West Lunenburg.....	100 00	
Buckingham.....	150 00	
		500 00
PETERSBURG DISTRICT—		
Wesley Chapel.....	100 00	
Ettrick.....	50 00	
Blandford.....	300 00	
		450 00
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—		
Murfreesboro.....	250 00	
Edenton.....	175 00	
		525 00
NORFOLK DISTRICT—		
Queen Street.....	200 00	
Second Street, Portsmouth.....	175 00	
		375 00
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT—		
Ashland.....	250 00	
Spottsylvania .....	200 00	
West Goochland.....	200 00	
		650 00
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—		
Wicomico.....	200 00	
Belle Haven.....	225 00	
		425 00
Whole amount.....		\$4,610 00
RICHARD IRBY, <i>Secretary.</i>		W. E. JUDKINS, <i>Treasurer.</i>

## VII.

## JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—CONTINUED.

## I.—TREASURER'S REPORTS.

## I.—CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown from last Conference.....	\$	325	10
Received for Minutes of 1880.....		41	00
“ “ “ “ 1881.....		140	35
“ from Hall Fund.....		163	93
“ “ collection at church on Sabbath.....		37	53
“ “ Richmond District.....		904	88
“ “ Charlottesville District.....		465	89
“ “ Lynchburg District.....		682	42
“ “ Danville District.....		506	04
“ “ Farmville District.....		659	99
“ “ Petersburg District.....		770	33
“ “ Murfreesboro District.....		673	60
“ “ Norfolk.....		922	67
“ “ Randolph Macon District.....		484	94
“ “ Eastern Shore District.....		466	00
		\$	7,244 68

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid funeral expenses of Mrs. Waggener.....	\$	25	00
“ for 1,500 copies of Minutes.....		253	43
“ “ Mailing Minutes, postage, etc.....		48	05
“ Rev. W. A. Robinson.....		50	00
“ Discount.....		3	00
“ Conference Secretary's bill.....		2	20
“ for Check-book.....		2	00
“ Rev. Jacob Shough.....		150	00
“ “ J. C. Garlick.....		250	00
“ “ S. T. Moorman.....		125	00
“ “ Benj. Williams.....		40	00
“ “ James McAden.....		75	00
“ “ R. Michaels.....		300	00
“ “ G. W. Nolly.....		300	00
“ “ William Carter.....		100	00
“ “ J. McClelland.....		150	00
“ “ H. H. Gary.....		200	00
“ “ J. L. Fisher.....		150	00
“ “ J. B. Laurens.....		200	00
“ “ F. A. Davis.....		300	00
“ “ Thomas Diggs.....		250	00
“ “ J. R. Waggener.....		200	00
“ “ C. H. Green.....		100	00
“ Mrs. James Carson.....		100	00
“ “ J. L. Hansberger.....		75	00
“ “ J. W. Childs.....		100	00
“ “ M. C. Pierce.....		200	00
“ “ Maria Peyton.....		150	00
“ “ M. S. Shelton.....		200	00
“ “ F. M. Bain.....		100	00
“ “ J. W. Wonnycott.....		175	00
“ “ R. A. Gregory.....		250	00
“ “ Julianna Wood.....		100	00
“ “ Benjamin Miles.....		75	00
“ “ W. J. Hunter.....		175	00
“ “ M. C. Spriggs.....		60	00
“ “ B. H. Johnson.....		200	00
“ “ Alexander Stewart.....		100	00
“ “ J. N. Guy.....		150	00
Amount carried forward.....	\$	5,483	68

Amount brought forward .....	\$5,483 68
Paid Mrs. Abram Penn.....	100 00
“ Miss S. L. Robertson.....	30 00
“ Mrs. G. W. Langhorne.....	75 00
“ “ J. A. Duncan.....	175 00
“ three children of D. F. Hodges.....	100 00
“ child of W. C. Blount.....	40 00
“ Mrs. Joseph H. Davis.....	100 00
“ “ John Bailey.....	150 00
“ “ J. M. Arnold.....	125 00
Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman.....	865 99
	<hr/> \$ 7,244 67

November, 1881.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

## II.—BISHOP'S FUND.

Received from Preachers at Conference.....	\$ 1,501 85
Paid Bishop McTyeire.....	\$ 1,501 85

November, 1881.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

## III.—EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Received from Preachers at Conference.....	\$ 2,345 33
Vouchers received from Preachers.....	18 00
Paid W. W. Bennett, President.....	2,327 33
	<hr/> \$ 2,345 33

November, 1881.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1881-82.

DISTRICTS.	Conference Collection.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bishop's Fund.	Education Fund.
Richmond.. .....	\$ 1000 00	\$ 800 00	\$ 1000 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 375 00
Charlottesville.....	720 00	575 00	720 00	153 00	270 00
Lynchburg. ....	880 00	706 00	880 00	187 00	330 00
Danville.....	640 00	513 00	640 00	136 00	240 00
Farmville.....	800 00	640 00	800 00	170 00	300 00
Petersburg.....	880 00	705 00	880 00	187 00	330 00
Murfreesboro ...	880 00	705 00	880 00	187 00	330 00
Norfolk.. .....	1000 00	803 00	1000 00	212 00	375 00
Randolph Macon.....	640 00	513 00	640 00	136 00	240 00
Eastern Shore.....	560 00	450 00	560 00	119 00	210 00
Total.....	8000 00	6410 00	8000 00	1700 00	3000 00

R. W. WATTS, *Assistant Secretray.*ALEX. G. BROWN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE HALL FUND.

The undersigned, trustees of the Hall Fund, beg leave to submit their report, as follows :

## I. ASSETS.

By Virginia Coupon Bond, No. 1,955.....	\$500
“ “ “ “ 6,321.....	100
“ “ “ “ 6,322.....	100
“ “ “ “ 6 323.....	100
“ “ “ “ 6,324.....	100
	<hr/> \$ 900 00
By West Virginia Certificates, No. 8,243 .....	\$453 70
By Interest Certificates, No. 5,111.....	7 40
“ “ “ “ 657.....	9 00
“ “ “ “ 12,118.....	9 00
“ “ “ “ 12,121.....	9 00
“ “ “ “ 12 120.....	9 00
“ “ “ “ 12,119.....	9 00
“ “ “ “ 5,053.....	9 00
	<hr/> \$515 10
By cash on deposit at 6 per cent .....	445 30
By bonds of Publishing House, 4 per cent .....	2,100 00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$3,445 30

## II. INCOME FOR THIS YEAR.

To Publishing House Coupons, January 1st, 1881.....	\$42 00
“ “ “ “ July 1st, 1881.....	42 00
To Cash on Settlement with Publishing House.....	4 64
To proceeds of Virginia State Coupons, January 1st, 1881.....	} 48 60
“ “ “ “ July 1st, 1881.....	
	<hr/> \$137 24
To interest on deposit to July 1st, 1881.....	26 71
	<hr/> <hr/> \$163 95

The 4 per cent. bonds of the Publishing House were obtained in exchange for a note of the House for \$1,600, with interest to July 1st, 1880. This note was executed by A. H. Redford, Agent, by order of the Book Committee, but did not appear among the liabilities of the House, as reported by him. This omission, however, did not impair the claim, which was promptly recognized by Dr. McFerrin, as to the principal thereof. The claim for interest was referred to the Book Committee, and settled in full by their order. Principal and interest, the claim amounted to 2,104.64, of which \$2,100 was paid in 4 per cent. coupon bonds, and the balance, \$4.64, in cash. The coupons have been paid on maturity, yielding \$84 per annum; and we think the bonds, secured by a first mortgage on all the property of the Publishing House, may be relied upon as a safe interest-bearing security.

It will be observed from the foregoing statement that this fund bequeathed to the Conference by the Rev. Daniel Hall, of precious memory, for the use and benefit of our superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Conference, which a few years ago was almost a hopeless wreck, is now comparatively safe, and has yielded for the year ending July 1st, 1881. the sum \$163.93, which, if it shall be the pleasure of the Conference, we would be glad to turn over to the Joint Board of Finance for distribution among the claimants on the Conference, “according as they have need.”

ALEX. G. BROWN,  
GEO. C. VANDERSLICE. } Committee.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 17th, 1881.





# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1881.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	R. N. SLEDD, P. E.....														
1. Trinity.....	J. W. Bledsoe.....		\$12 00			180 00	180 00	\$1,700 00	\$1,700 00		64 00		77 50	25 00	45 00
2. Broad Street.....	Wm. G. Starr.....					190 00	190 00	1,900 00	1,900 00		70 00		90 00	20 00	
3. Centenary.....	P. A. Peterson.....					225 00	225 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		139 85		252 53	20 00	45 00
4. Park Place.....	John Hannon.....					150 00	150 00	1,000 00	1,200 00		15 50	10 39	20 00	10 00	29 29
5. Clay Street.....	A. G. Brown.....					200 00	200 00	1,800 00	1,800 00		25 00	15 00	30 00	28 88	35 75
6. Laurel Street.....	W. P. Wright.....					60 00	60 00	600 00	600 00				15 05		
7. Union Station.....	W. C. Vaden.....				300 00	140 00	140 00	1,300 00	1,300 00		15 00		32 27		
8. Nicholson Street.....	By Thomas Diggs.....					23 00	8 05	250 00	94 32	170 63			43		
9. Manchester and Fifth St.	B. F. Woodward.....		8 50		150 00	120 00	103 20	1,200 00	1,011 39	205 41	45 00		42 35	6 15	
10. Henrico.....	J. F. Brannin.....		43 00		50 00	65 00	65 00	600 00	600 00		27 78		18 73	71 54	
11. Charles City.....	J. C. Rosser.....					62 00	62 00	325 00	285 00	40 00	10 00		8 71		
12. New Kent.....	J. W. Connelly.....					50 00	43 75	500 00	435 47	70 78	6 00		7 00		
13. West New Kent.....	By R. H. Mullen.....		12 00			35 00	35 00	450 00	400 00	50 00	10 74		13 88	9 38	
14. Williamsburg.....	P. F. August.....		11 00			22 50	22 50	250 00	250 00		21 91		32 86		
15. Jamestown.....	By L. A. Davis.....					24 06	20 20	226 00	146 73	83 07	1 25		1 25		
16. Gloucester.....	{ Geo. E. Booker.....		12 00			129 98	129 98	850 00	818 68	37 76	42 00		42 73		
	{ S. L. Thrift, Helper..							175 00	168 56						
17. Matthews.....	Geo. C. Vanderslice.....		10 50		100 00	110 00	110 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		25 00		60 00	18 00	
18. West Matthews.....	T. O. Edwards.....		13 00			42 00	42 00	387 00	387 00		30 00		40 00		
	Totals for 1881.....		122 00		600 00	1,828 48	1,786 68	16,513 00	16,097 15	657 65	549 03	25 39	785 29	208 95	155 04
	Totals for 1880.....		163 25		1,050 00	1,058 90	1,035 78	16,832 73	16,486 68	369 17	544 12	18 78	720 62	182 05	188 22
	Increase.....					769 58	750 90			288 48	4 91	6 61	64 67	26 90	16 82
	Decrease.....		41 25		450 00			319 73	389 53						

# RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE		BISHOP'S		EDUCATION'L		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	COLLECTIONS.		FUND.		FUND.		For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
	Assesed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.													
1. Trinity.....	\$108 40	\$108 40	\$22 66	\$22 66	\$40 65	\$40 65	\$ 337 52	\$1,454 25	\$ 956 71	\$ 5,023 69	\$10 69	1	6	3	1	54	320	.....	707
2. Broad Street.....	102 56	102 56	13 95	13 95	32 56	32 56	172 86	.....	1,519 20	4,111 13	11 42	1	5	5	1	32	168	5	1,000
3. Centenary.....	121 30	174 42	33 35	36 33	51 98	53 75	506 08	2,113 06	1,989 24	7,555 26	15 84	2	3	8	1	51	300	3	419
4. Park Place.....	29 76	56 22	6 30	6 30	11 19	11 19	290 11	36 50	702 91	2,538 41	8 72	2	19	8	1	24	175	31	600
5. Clay Street.....	67 00	67 00	14 35	14 35	24 56	24 26	259 67	500 00	505 02	3,504 93	7 00	.....	25	18	2	44	370	36	850
6. Laurel Street.....	12 50	12 50	2 74	2 74	4 71	4 71	230 00	2,600 00	98 49	3,623 49	13 27	1	9	2	1	22	275	10	400
7. Union.....	70 14	60 00	15 85	15 85	26 43	26 43	171 00	790 00	992 01	3,842 56	9 98	2	11	7	1	37	258	5	350
8. Nicholson Street.....	7 42	7 42	1 55	1 55	2 78	2 78	21 40	7 50	77 30	220 75	2 32	.....	.....	2	1	10	50	.....	.....
9. Manchester and Fifth St	46 44	60 00	9 56	9 56	17 46	18 00	576 90	.....	451 34	2,482 39	4 65	1	43	6	3	74	316	40	750
10. Henrico.....	34 71	34 71	7 50	7 50	12 60	12 60	169 57	70 00	270 96	1,441 39	4 24	.....	32	2	3	52	306	11	400
11. Charles City.....	37 48	37 48	8 29	8 29	14 60	14 60	80 00	23 00	280 00	809 08	2 65	1	.....	.....	3	40	160	4	500
12. New Kent.....	37 00	13 00	8 00	7 00	12 00	2 37	77 00	.....	.....	591 59	2 79	.....	.....	.....	3	30	180	.....	470
13. West New Kent.....	15 00	15 00	3 70	3 70	7 50	7 50	61 81	.....	99 45	668 46	3 63	2	6	12	4	40	175	.....	200
14. Williamshurg.....	6 20	6 20	1 30	1 30	2 30	3 30	10 79	.....	.....	359 86	5 45	.....	1	.....	1	7	50	.....	125
15. Jamestown.....	6 22	6 22	1 30	1 30	2 30	2 30	12 75	.....	8 00	200 00	2 53	.....	.....	2	2	21	70	.....	200
16. Gloucester.....	160 00	58 75	30 00	20 00	53 00	23 00	100 00	400 00	50 00	1,865 79	2 12	2	10	48	6	50	620	.....	660
17. Matthews.....	106 05	60 00	21 08	20 00	37 14	25 00	95 00	973 00	100 00	2,596 50	3 15	1	3	41	6	67	508	29	175
18. West Matthews.....	25 00	25 00	7 50	7 50	7 67	7 67	80 37	263 22	237 20	1,137 96	2 95	1	19	24	4	50	250	8	325
Totals for 1881.....	1,000 00	904 88	213 00	199 88	375 00	312 67	3,252 83	9,235 53	8,337 83	42,573 15	6 39	17	192	188	44	705	4551	182	8,131
Totals for 1880.....	1,000 00	792 19	213 00	191 71	375 00	289 98	3,450 41	6,880 77	8,384 04	40,328 60	6 15	14	169	178	43	751	4279	200	8,504
Increase.....	.....	112 69	.....	8 17	.....	22 69	.....	2,354 76	.....	2,244 55	24	3	23	10	1	.....	272	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	197 58	.....	46 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	18	373

# RICHMOND DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored					GAINS.				LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Trinity.....	470	....	470	468	2	.....	6	9	15	6	7	.....	.....	13	1	\$45,000	..	.....	2,000
2. Broad Street.....	360	....	360	350	10	.....	7	15	22	3	9	.....	.....	12	1	50,000	..	.....	750
3. Centenary.....	477	.....	477	469	8	.....	4	29	33	12	12	1	.....	25	1	35,000	..	.....	4,000
4. Park Place.....	291	....	291	216	75	.....	55	36	91	8	8	.....	.....	16	1	15,000	..	.....	.....
5. Clay Street.....	501	....	501	490	11	.....	41	12	53	5	26	11	.....	42	1	12,000	..	.....	800
6. Laurel Street.....	273	....	273	257	16	.....	19	21	40	7	15	2	.....	24	1	7,000	..	.....	250
7. Union.....	385	....	385	390	.....	5	21	12	33	5	29	4	.....	38	1	15,600	1	3,000	1,300
8. Nicholson Street.....	95	....	95	103	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	8	1	1,200	..	.....	25
9. Manchester and Fifth St	534	....	534	507	27	.....	73	11	84	10	42	3	2	57	1	8,000	1	2,000	900
10. Henrico.....	339	1	340	385	.....	45	42	8	50	5	78	12	.....	95	3	3,500	1	600	300
11. Charles City.....	303	2	305	320	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	7	8	.....	.....	15	4	6,500	1	900	200
12. New Kent.....	210	2	212	224	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	8	3	1	.....	12	4	3,600	..	.....	250
13. West New Kent .. .	183	1	184	187	.....	3	12	14	26	4	21	4	.....	29	4	4,000	..	.....	550
14. Williamsburg.....	66	...	66	67	.....	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	.....	3	1	3,000	..	.....	150
15. Jamestown.....	79	....	79	83	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	4	3	1,800	..	.....	100
16. Gloucester.....	881	1	882	901	.....	19	39	2	41	10	39	11	.....	60	6	12,000	1	1,400	300
17. Matthews.....	823	2	825	792	33	.....	41	.....	41	6	2	.....	.....	8	5	6,700	1	1,500	400
18. West Matthews....	386	....	386	366	20	.....	31	.....	31	2	5	4	.....	11	3	2,200	..	.....	125
Totals for 1881.....	6,656	9	6,665	6,575	202	112	392	170	562	100	313	57	2	472	42	231,500	6	9,400	12,400
Totals for 1880.....	6,567	8	6,575	.....	6	.....	418	149	567	99	384	67	11	561	42	222,600	4	6,800	15,350
Increase.....	89	1	90	.....	90	.....	.....	21	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,900	2	2,600	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	5	.....	.....	10	9	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,950

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.																
PASTORAL CHARGES.		NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.								MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.					
			TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
			Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S.
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIST'.	J. M. ANDERSON, P. E.															
1. Charlottesville.....	J. C. Martin.....		\$35 65	\$22 50	\$200 00	\$ 87 50	\$ 87 50	\$900 00	\$900 00	.....	\$39 31	.....	\$30 28	\$24 50	\$20 00	
2. Albemarle.....	F. M. Edwards.....		6 00	21 00	100 00	115 00	89 47	800 00	622 44	203 09	24 00	.....	34 80	.....	.....	
3. Louisa.....	E. H. Pritchett.....					105 00	81 58	800 00	621 21	202 21	9 40	.....	31 46	.....	.....	
4. Scottsville.....	Geo. M. Wright.....			15 00		69 25	64 00	700 00	610 00	95 25	23 00	.....	45 00	.....	.....	
5. Fluvanna.....	G. W. Wray.....			16 00	100 00	80 50	61 50	600 00	496 00	123 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
6. Milton.....	W. A. Tompkins.....		8 90	13 00		45 00	22 52	255 00	127 43	150 05	9 36	.....	7 65	.....	.....	
7. Batesville.....	R. W. Watts.....					126 50	105 91	750 00	628 62	141 97	13 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	
8. Gordonsville and Orange	H. M. Hope.....			15 00		46 00	46 00	393 00	393 00	.....	21 00	.....	31 82	.....	.....	
9. Orange Circuit.....	E. G. Chandler.....			9 00		45 00	45 00	285 00	285 00	.....	16 00	.....	22 00	.....	.....	
10. Culpeper.....	J. M. Burton.....			8 00		28 70	27 07	425 00	402 23	24 40	13 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	
11. Culpeper Circuit.....	J. W. Carroll.....			12 00		60 00	56 63	300 00	283 32	20 05	15 38	.....	36 00	.....	.....	
12. Rappahannock.....	J. H. Crown.....			15 00	100 00	94 34	75 00	600 00	500 00	119 34	20 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	
13. Woodville.....	J. N. Rosser.....			10 00		39 50	25 93	200 00	116 06	97 51	5 00	.....	5 90	.....	.....	
14. Madison.....	W. E. Payne.....		10 00	26 00	150 00	132 25	132 25	700 00	700 00	.....	50 00	.....	70 00	.....	9 00	
15. Greene.....	{ R. Ferguson.....		19 40	23 00	100 00	126 50	99 72	800 00	630 67	196 11	25 00	.....	40 59	.....	.....	
	{ L. S. Reed.....										.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
16. Piedmont Mission.....	G. W. Bailey.....							50 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Totals for 1881.....		79 95	205 50	750 00	1,201 04	1,020 08	8,558 00	7,365 98	1,372 98	283 45	.....	423 50	24 50	29 00	
	Totals for 1880.....		69 78	217 00	900 00	1,200 00	1,032 81	8,611 09	7,648 10	1,130 18	258 09	.....	335 40	6 50	34 60	
	Increase.....		10 17			1 04				242 80	25 36	.....	88 10	18 00		
	Decrease.....			11 50	150 00		12 73	53 09	282 22			.....			5 60	

# CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
1. Charlottesville.....	\$54 78	\$54 78	\$11 64	\$11 64	\$20 54	\$20 54	\$191 00	\$160 00	\$405 24	\$2,202 94	\$8 78	.....	8	2	1	21	301	8	475
2. Albemarle.....	73 77	34 36	15 30	7 12	27 02	12 51	15 00	.....	20 67	987 37	2 06	.....	12	8	7	30	250	4	200
3. Louisa.....	86 40	14 96	18 36	5 04	32 40	7 35	26 23	284 00	995 04	2,076 27	2 78	2	19	4	8	55	412	10	800
4. Scottsville.....	39 70	39 70	8 43	8 42	14 86	14 88	80 00	600 00	200 00	1,700 00	2 76	2	35	15	8	50	385	22	810
5. Fluvanna.....	50 00	20 00	10 73	5 00	18 92	13 23	.....	300 00	.....	1,011 73	1 74	1	21	.....	5	30	200	20	600
6. Milton.....	7 15	8 57	1 53	1 53	2 69	3 23	.....	2 37	5 00	209 86	71	1	6	1	1	5	40	.....	.....
7. Batesville.....	79 10	34 16	16 83	16 83	29 72	10 00	60 00	180 00	40 30	1,113 82	2 47	.....	17	3	6	40	240	6	100
8. Gordonsville and Orange	28 80	28 80	6 12	6 12	10 80	10 80	112 00	125 00	95 56	885 10	6 06	.....	4	2	2	15	136	2	100
9. Orange Circuit.....	19 30	24 56	4 12	5 60	7 26	10 00	33 92	175 00	25 00	650 48	2 47	1	4	.....	3	32	177	2	420
10. Culpeper.....	17 97	18 00	3 82	4 00	6 72	7 00	20 00	32 04	33 91	583 25	7 88	.....	.....	1	1	6	40	.....	130
11. Culpeper Circuit.....	36 00	36 00	7 65	7 65	13 52	13 52	31 64	1,474 07	30 97	1,997 18	5 76	3	13	.....	5	48	267	10	430
12. Rappahannock.....	41 00	25 00	12 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	50 00	100 00	40 00	970 00	3 07	1	10	.....	4	34	140	6	300
13. Woodville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 88	106 27	6 25	293 29	90	.....	4	.....	2	15	110	.....	90
14. Madison.....	82 80	75 00	17 59	15 60	31 17	22 00	65 80	.....	150 00	1,475 05	3 39	.....	14	1	6	70	360	10	600
15. Greene.....	79 10	52 00	16 83	16 83	29 72	20 77	30 00	230 00	100 00	1,387 98	2 73	1	33	5	4	25	200	10	500
16. Piedmont Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	125 00	105 00	290 00	1 33	2	49	2	4	20	125	5	.....
Totals for 1881.....	720 00	465 89	120 48	120 48	270 00	175 83	743 47	3,893 75	2,252 94	17,834 32	2 97	14	246	44	67	496	3,383	115	5,055
Totals for 1880.....	720 00	435 70	105 70	105 70	270 00	179 23	636 76	3,393 86	2,606 12	17,860 65	3 00	12	223	54	75	527	3,480	101	6,125
Increase.....	.....	30 19	14 78	14 78	.....	.....	6 71	499 89	.....	.....	.....	2	23	.....	8	31	97	14	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 40	.....	.....	.....	26 33	3	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,070



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# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.....	D. P. WILLS, P. E.....														
1. Centenary.....	J. S. Hunter.....				400 00	150 00	150 00	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00		42 54	30 00	\$ 86 93	10 00	
2. Court Street.....	W. E. Edwards.....		\$46 50		400 00	210 00	210 00	1,800 00	1,800 00		217 32		150 00		74 53
3. Madison.....	A. C. Berryman.....							405 00	405 00		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	
4. Amherst.....	John T. Moore.....		3 00			90 00	82 75	506 00	460 02	47 23	14 00		39 00		
5. West Amherst.....	W. T. Robins.....					90 00	90 00	700 04	703 04		20 00		23 00	12 00	
6. Mount Pleasant.....	John H. Kabler.....				100 00	75 06	75 00	425 00	425 00		25 00		30 00		
7. Bedford.....	J. L. Spencer.....		89 00		150 00	65 00	65 00	550 00	550 00		7 02		84 00		
8. Southeast Bedford.....	R. B. Scott.....		30 00			25 00	14 81	300 00	177 79	132 40	5 00		10 00		
9. West Bedford.....	John O. Moss.....					40 00	26 50	400 00	277 09	136 41	19 35		25 65		
10. Middle Bedford.....	R. H. Younger.....				50 00	25 06	18 80	400 00	301 20	105 00	8 50		12 00		
11. North Bedford.....	By Jos. G. Lemmon.....		4 50			30 00	30 00	300 00	300 00		10 00		6 50		
12. Liberty.....	John R. Dey.....		7 78			40 00	40 00	600 00	600 00		19 35		25 80		
13. Bedford Springs.....	C. E. Watts.....				68 00	100 00	87 02	647 00	554 23	105 70	35 00		62 62	2 50	
14. Nelson.....	W. H. Gregory.....					75 00	65 25	530 00	461 10	78 65	14 00		20 25		
15. Appomattox.....	{ T. J. Taylor, Pastor..				100 00	110 00	110 00	700 00	700 00		53 00		70 91		
	{ S. H. Mullen, Helper..							75 00	75 00						
	{ J. M. Howell, ".....							95 35	95 85						
16. Campbell.....	J. O. Moss.....		3 00		150 00	100 00	95 74	750 00	718 07	36 19	34 84		40 58		
17. South Campbell.....	N. B. Foushee.....					40 00	40 00	220 00	220 00		7 00		15 00		
18. Prospect.....	H. C. Cheatham.....				100 00	100 00	83 07	700 00	581 09	135 84	20 00			53 52	
19. Bedford Mission.....	M. L. Bishop.....												30		
20. Glenmore Mission.....								145 00	145 00						
.....	Totals for 1881.....		183 78		1,518 00	1,365 00	1,283 94	11,442 30	10,749 03	777 42	556 92	35 00	707 54	83 02	74 53
.....	Totals for 1880.....		81 30		1,418 00	1,365 00	1,272 28	11,278 37	10,445 99	925 10	317 15	92 16	532 63	83 74	115 66
.....	Increase.....		102 48		100 00		11 66	164 02	303 04		239 77		174 91		41 13
.....	Decrease.....									147 68		57 10		72	

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assesed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
1. Centenary .....	\$ 96 44	\$ 96 74	\$20 55	\$20 55	\$36 25	\$36 25	\$ 254 30	.....	\$ 814 84	\$ 3,142 15	\$ 9 06	1	4	3	1	32	208	3	475
2. Court Street.....	135 40	136 69	28 77	38 88	50 00	52 75	365 40	\$1,013 23	1,887 89	6,393 19	14 94	1	5	3	1	38	250	3	550
3. Madison.....							78 71	183 58	80 37	767 66	3 49	.....	13	3	4	40	265	8	150
4. Amherst.....	58 02	27 56	12 33	6 44	21 77	10 18	105 85	171 50	127 37	1,047 67	3 00	1	10	1	6	61	348	7	335
5. West Amherst.....	58 02	36 00	12 38	8 00	21 77	16 00	93 61	234 90	20 77	1,257 32	2 66	1	14	11	9	53	530	6	450
6. Mount Pleasant .....	48 40	28 00	10 28	8 50	18 13	12 00	21 75	63 00	100 70	888 95	2 40	2	31	7	6	83	452	40	335
7. Bedford.....	41 90	41 90	8 90	8 90	15 72	15 72	95 00	.....	75 33	1,181 87	2 69	2	16	9	4	55	300	27	300
8. Southeast Bedford.....	16 00	5 00	2 40	2 40	5 00	5 00	73 00	120 00	.....	443 00	1 24	4	27	4	6	54	340	34	300
9. West Bedford.....	25 80	18 00	5 48	5 00	9 68	7 00	14 15	648 90	38 00	1,079 64	3 72	.....	19	5	2	35	246	13	159
10. Middle Bedford.....	16 07	13 00	3 40	2 50	6 05	4 00	22 50	10 25	92 00	534 75	1 23	1	38	4	6	47	378	50	560
11. North Bedford.....	19 34	12 00	4 11	3 00	7 26	1 00	11 50	25 00	11 95	415 45	1 36	1	2	.....	3	23	111	...	75
12. Liberty.....	25 80	25 80	5 48	5 48	9 68	9 68	61 03	43 00	65 70	903 62	6 74	.....	6	.....	6	17	108	8	275
13. Bedford Springs.....	64 50	64 50	13 70	13 70	24 18	24 18	100 00	621 44	39 50	1,672 74	5 07	.....	8	17	8	70	400	5	685
14. Nelson.....	48 20	25 00	10 28	7 50	18 13	6 00	61 60	8 00	231 00	899 10	2 37	1	16	1	4	45	260	.....	400
15. Appomattox.....	70 91	71 00	15 07	15 07	26 52	26 52	200 00	100 75	134 24	1,751 84	2 20	3	40	8	9	105	610	.....	300
16. Campbell.....	64 50	24 03	13 70	5 39	24 18	18 97	200 00	80 00	102 65	1,473 27	2 92	.....	14	5	9	65	431	13	600
17. South Campbell.....	25 79	7 20	5 48	4 25	9 68	5 00	35 00	125 00	38 50	496 95	2 85	.....	10	.....	3	25	120	2	160
18. Prospect.....	64 50	50 00	13 70	8 39	24 18	15 00	41 38	.....	179 80	1,132 25	2 73	2	20	3	4	48	242	15	150
19. Bedford Mission.....							20 00	.....	.....	20 30	1 01	.....	6	.....	2	15	140	.....	25
20. Glenmore Mission.....							18 50	140 00	1 00	304 50	3 90	.....							
Totals for 1881.....	880 00	682 42	187 00	163 95	330 00	265 25	1,872 68	3,588 55	4,041 61	25,806 22	3 76	20	299	84	93	911	5739	234	6,275
Totals for 1880.....	880 00	655 66	187 00	153 85	330 00	252 70	1,668 31	3,277 45	5,513 81	25,880 69	3 85	21	303	127	92 1	832 79	5252 487	266	6,199 76
Increase.....		26 76		10 10		12 55	204 37	311 10		74 47	9	1	4	43				32	
Decrease.....																			

# LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								Churches.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored					GAINS.				LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Centenary .....	346	1	347	365	... ..	18	8	19	27	13	31	1	.....	45	1	\$17,000	1	\$ 4,500	900
2. Court Street.....	428	....	428	505	.... ..	77	8	24	32	3	102	4	.....	109	1	25,000	1	6,000	4,000
3. Madison.....	220	....	220	196	24	.....	24	30	54	1	22	7	.....	30	4	3,000	..	.....	150
4. Amherst.....	348	1	349	346	3	.....	12	1	13	1	6	3	.....	10	5	4,000	1	1,250	380
5. West Amherst.....	472	....	472	458	14	.....	22	1	23	5	4	.....	.....	9	5	3,800	..	.....	300
6. Mount Pleasant.....	370	....	370	370	.....	.....	43	1	44	7	25	12	.....	44	6	4,150	1	1,000	60
7. Bedford.....	437	3	440	709	.....	269	33	7	40	1	304	4	.....	309	6	5,900	1	1,700	500
8. Southeast Bedford.....	356	1	357	330	27	.....	31	2	33	3	3	.....	.....	6	6	1,660	..	.....	178
9. West Bedford.....	290	....	290	.....	290	.....	24	288	312	4	16	1	1	22	3	2,500	..	.....	.....
10. Middle Bedford.....	433	....	433	404	29	.....	38	5	43	1	3	10	.....	14	4	2,500	1	1,000	25
11. North Bedford.....	305	.....	305	286	19	..	31	4	35	5	5	.....	6	16	2	1,000	..	.....	.....
12. Liberty.....	149	....	149	137	12	.....	14	.....	14	2	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2,500	..	.....	200
13. Bedford Springs.....	330	....	330	335	.....	5	9	21	30	3	24	7	1	35	6	6,800	..	.....	325
14. Nelson.....	380	....	380	367	13	.....	29	3	32	3	16	.....	.....	19	6	4,000	1	1,200	120
15. Appomattox.....	794	1	795	763	32	.....	79	5	84	12	27	13	.....	52	9	6,500	1	1,000	50
16. Campbell.....	504	...	504	485	19	.....	16	4	20	1	.....	.....	.....	1	8	7,000	1	1,350	.....
17. South Campbell.....	174	....	174	162	12	.....	17	2	21	1	5	2	1	9	2	1,200	.....	.....	100
18. Prospect.....	414	....	414	402	12	.....	25	2	27	7	5	3	.....	15	4	4,000	1	1,000	.....
19. Bedford Mission.....	20	....	20	24	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20. Glenmore Mission.....	78	...	78	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	6,848	7	6,855	6,722	506	373	465	419	884	73	602	67	9	751	79	102,510	10	20,000	7,288
Totals for 1880.....	6,717	5	6,722	.....	461	.....	661	623	1,284	64	706	53	.....	823	75	98,940	...	20,750	9,303
Increase.....	131	2	133	.....	133	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	14	9	.....	4	3,570	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196	204	400	.....	104	.....	.....	72	.....	.....	.....	750	2,015

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S.
DANVILLE DISTRICT.....	OSCAR LITTLETON, P. E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1. Main Street.....	S. S. Lambeth.....	\$ 8 50	\$50 00	.....	\$450 00	\$185 00	\$185 00	\$1,750 00	\$1,750 00	.....	\$132 85	.....	\$210 00	.....	\$53 49
2. Lynn Street.....	W. F. Tillett.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	60 00	.....	81 04	.....	26 15
3. North Danville.....	J. H. Patterson.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	65 00	65 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	40 00	.....	41 14	.....	30 00
4. Charlotte.....	N. J. Pruden.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	350 00	350 00	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....
5. West Charlotte.....	J. S. Wallace.....	3 50	3 60	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	225 00	225 00	.....	12 00	.....	18 08	.....	.....
6. South Boston.....	J. W. Creder.....	4 75	.....	.....	150 00	100 00	66 00	680 00	510 85	203 15	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
7. South of Dan.....	B. S. Herring...	3 50	.....	.....	.....	70 00	54 00	400 00	309 00	107 00	12 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....
8. Chatham.....	R. B. Blankinship....	3 75	.....	.....	.....	80 00	65 42	325 00	261 70	77 88	16 30	.....	15 51	.....	.....
9. Pittsylvania.....	J. D. Southall.....	4 75	1 00	.....	50 00	100 00	64 87	700 00	454 12	281 01	20 51	.....	21 92	.....	.....
10. North Pittsylvania.....	T. P. Duke.....	3 50	15 00	.....	.....	75 00	41 83	280 00	156 17	157 00	16 00	.....	17 00	.....	.....
11. Northwest Pittsylvania..	By J. G. Bailey.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	200 00	133 19	66 81	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. Franklin.....	J. P. Woodward.....	5 50	79 00	.....	60 00	120 00	57 96	600 00	289 90	372 14	13 65	.....	20 00	.....	.....
13. West Franklin.....	By W. R. Crowder....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	35 00	30 00	150 00	84 93	70 07	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. East Franklin.....	D. J. Traynham.....	4 75	25 00	.....	.....	100 00	87 53	295 00	262 59	44 88	16 60	2 40	10 00	3 00	.....
15. Henry.....	J. W. Tucker.....	5 75	.....	.....	75 00	125 00	73 50	600 00	353 24	298 26	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
16. Patrick.....	W. T. Greene.....	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	90 00	90 00	250 00	250 00	.....	19 70	.....	20 00	.....	.....
17. South Patrick.....	Charles E. Wren.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	25 00	13 95	300 00	79 80	231 25	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
18. Halifax.....	J. E. Gates.....	4 00	6 00	.....	50 00	85 00	53 55	700 00	439 21	292 24	16 09	.....	16 10	.....	.....
19. East Halifax.....	R. F. Gayle.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	50 00	50 00	200 00	200 00	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
.....	Totals for 1881.....	75 00	184 10	.....	835 00	1,600 00	1,293 61	10,005 00	8,109 70	2,201 69	434 90	2 40	536 79	3 00	109 04
.....	Totals for 1880.....	.....	91 45	.....	1,010 00	1,440 00	1,146 00	9,972 00	8,407 16	1,858 84	467 27	11 04	471 77	14 33	105 55
.....	Increase.....	75 00	92 65	.....	.....	160 00	147 61	33 00	.....	342 85	.....	.....	65 02	.....	4 09
.....	Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00	.....	.....	.....	297 46	.....	35 37	8 64	.....	11 33	.....

## DANVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assesed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
1. Main Street.....	\$ 75 00	\$146 67	\$16 00	\$17 00	\$28 00	\$30 00	\$ 270 00	\$ 75 00	\$2,561 41	\$ 5,939 92	\$19 80	1	.....	2	1	27	212	.....	800
2. Lynn Street.....	40 00	40 00	8 50	8 50	15 00	15 00	145 52	.....	324 90	1,805 86	11 15	.....	.....	6	1	19	134	1	450
3. North Danville.....	26 00	26 00	5 25	5 25	9 75	9 75	76 91	.....	244 09	1,541 14	15 11	.....	.....	.....	1	17	160	.....	.....
4. Charlotte.....	40 00	40 00	8 50	8 50	15 00	15 00	23 25	.....	41 50	623 00	2 39	.....	20	3	3	31	145	5	150
5. West Charlotte.....	30 00	30 00	6 50	6 50	11 25	11 25	30 00	.....	.....	414 93	1 63	.....	27	3	4	37	175	8	225
6. South Boston.....	.....	11 00	.....	4 00	.....	8 00	85 00	.....	80 00	939 60	2 80	1	.....	3	4	24	280	.....	300
7. South of Dau.....	28 00	10 00	6 00	3 00	10 50	6 00	18 00	200 00	12 00	643 50	2 51	.....	23	.....	5	39	284	16	70
8. Chatham.....	32 00	26 86	6 75	4 05	12 00	5 00	14 00	105 00	.....	517 59	1 72	1	21	.....	4	40	254	.....	350
9. Pittsylvania.....	40 00	27 75	8 50	8 50	15 00	15 00	15 00	300 00	10 00	993 42	3 26	1	5	2	2	22	143	12	50
10. North Pittsylvania.....	30 00	13 00	6 50	5 00	11 25	4 00	25 00	.....	16 20	312 70	1 13	1	14	7	4	38	239	7	225
11. Northwest Pittsylvania..	8 00	8 00	1 75	1 75	2 75	2 75	11 75	.....	5 00	185 14	1 30	.....	8	.....	4	31	131	5	350
12. Franklin.....	47 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	18 00	10 00	23 01	200 00	70 66	854 68	2 73	.....	1	.....	4	39	233	.....	461
13. West Franklin.....	14 00	1 25	3 00	1 00	5 25	2 00	4 15	.....	.....	129 33	64	1	14	7	4	20	130	.....	50
14. East Franklin.....	40 00	10 00	8 50	3 00	15 00	5 00	76 51	62 87	93 50	662 75	1 99	1	26	2	10	70	720	43	42
15. Henry.....	50 00	10 00	10 50	5 00	18 75	8 20	33 00	256 06	15 56	855 31	2 34	1	45	4	5	37	403	32	845
16. Patrick.....	36 00	36 00	7 50	7 50	13 50	13 50	23 00	230 00	32 72	728 42	3 70	1	4	.....	4	30	170	5	200
17. South Patrick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	118 00	42	1	.....	.....	8	50	450	40	.....
18. Halifax.....	34 00	34 00	7 25	7 25	12 75	12 75	20 60	47 00	32 25	738 20	2 43	.....	23	6	4	35	163	17	325
19. East Halifax.....	20 00	15 51	4 25	4 25	7 50	7 50	7 60	.....	43 00	352 26	3 42	.....	1	3	1	6	35	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	640 00	506 04	136 00	105 05	240 00	180 70	921 10	1,475 93	3,582 79	18,355 75	3 83	10	232	48	73	612	4461	191	4,893
Totals for 1880.....	640 00	379 59	136 00	122 50	240 00	149 11	914 77	4,011 65	1,526 93	18,829 12	4 09	15	213	32	69	522	3613	129	3,947
Increase.....	.....	126 45	.....	.....	.....	31 59	6 33	.....	2,055 86	.....	.....	.....	19	16	4	90	848	62	946
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	17 45	.....	.....	.....	2,535 72	.....	473 37	26	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....



# DANVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored					GAINS.				LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Main Street.....	300	....	300	299	1	.....	1	24	25	5	18	1	.....	24	1	\$21,000	1	\$5,000	\$1,500
2. Lynn Street.....	162	....	162	170	.....	8	1	12	13	3	16	2	.....	21	1	10,000	..	.....	2,000
3. North Danville.....	102	.....	102	92	10	.....	1	16	17	1	4	2	.....	7	1	3,000	..	.....	200
4. Charlotte.....	261	....	261	252	9	.....	20	.....	20	5	6	.....	.....	11	4	3,500	..	.....	80
5. West Charlotte.....	250	4	254	228	26	.....	30	7	37	2	3	6	.....	11	4	2,000	..	.....	.....
6. South Boston.....	335	....	335	341	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	5	1	.....	.....	6	4	5,000	1	1,500	120
7. South of Dan.....	256	....	256	230	26	.....	28	5	33	.....	4	2	1	6	3	2,500	..	.....	200
8. Chatham.....	300	....	300	286	14	.....	28	.....	28	3	10	1	.....	14	5	3,300	..	.....	100
9. Pittsylvania.....	302	2	304	299	5	.....	7	6	13	2	3	3	.....	8	6	3,000	1	500	.....
10. North Pittsylvania.....	276	....	276	274	2	.....	15	20	35	4	26	3	.....	33	4	2,800	..	.....	108
11. Northwest Pittsylvania.	142	....	142	113	29	.....	21	11	32	1	.....	2	.....	3	3	2,250	..	.....	.....
12. Franklin.....	312	1	313	336	.....	23	1	6	7	4	21	5	.....	30	5	4,800	1	950	300
13. West Franklin.....	202	....	202	199	3	.....	21	2	23	1	19	.....	.....	20	3	300	..	.....	.....
14. East Franklin.....	332	1	333	303	30	.....	39	1	40	4	2	4	.....	10	3	300	..	.....	.....
15. Henry.....	365	...	365	313	52	.....	49	8	57	4	1	.....	.....	5	4	3,000	1	1,500	40
16. Patrick.....	193	4	197	204	.....	7	5	1	6	4	9	.....	.....	13	5	4,500	..	.....	300
17. South Patrick.....	273	11	284	294	.....	10	19	.....	19	.....	25	.....	4	29	6	200	..	.....	.....
18. Halifax.....	304	....	304	276	28	.....	18	30	48	6	6	8	.....	20	4	2,000	1	1,500	.....
19. East Halifax.....	103	....	103	103	.....	.....	3	2	5	3	2	.....	.....	5	3	900	..	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	4,770	23	4,793	4,612	235	54	307	151	458	57	176	39	5	277	69	74,300	6	10,950	4,948
Totals for 1880.....	4,586	26	4,612	.....	.....	13	284	164	448	59	329	48	25	461	70	77,525	6	10,750	3,555
Increase.....	184	.....	181	.....	181	.....	23	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	1,393
Decrease.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	2	153	9	20	184	1	3,225	.....	.....	.....

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	P residing Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....	F. J. BOGGS, P. E.....														
1. Farmville.....	Leonidas Rosser.....		\$53 00		\$250 00	\$105 00	\$105 00	\$ 900 00	\$ 900 00	.....	\$ 26 70	10 10	\$ 26 70	10 00	31 00
2. Prince Edward.....	W. B. Rowzie.....					80 00	71 45	350 00	312 65	45 90	17 50	.....	17 54	.....	35 07
3. Burkeville.....	J. W. Stiff.....				38 50	40 00	29 79	400 00	294 54	115 67	9 00	17 00	13 00	26 00	.....
4. Lunenburg.....	T. M. Beckham.....				75 00	125 00	97 63	800 00	588 18	239 19	10 75	.....	72 75	.....	26 25
5. West Lunenburg.....	W. R. Smithey.....				6 00	45 00	36 30	240 00	193 59	55 11	.....	.....	9 50	.....	.....
6. Boydton.....	J. L. Clarke.....		23 00			51 00	51 00	450 00	450 00	.....	31 00	.....	50 00	.....	40 00
7. Boydton Circuit.....	J. D. Lumsden.....		42 94		35 00	75 00	57 90	450 00	347 37	119 73	27 70	.....	32 95	.....	.....
8. Clarkesville.....	C. W. Cain.....					25 00	15 00	200 00	101 00	109 00	6 07	7 25	5 00	.....	.....
9. Mecklenburg.....	W. O. Waggener.....		38 60		30 00	117 37	117 37	500 00	502 75	.....	5 00	.....	212 00	41 00	.....
10. North Mecklenburg.....	J. H. Maynard.....					80 00	80 00	550 00	550 00	.... .	25 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....
11. Brunswick.....	J. M. Saunders.....				100 00	80 00	72 00	600 00	528 00	80 00	20 00	.....	.....	16 20	26 00
12. West Brunswick.....	J. T. Lumpkin.....		9 00		50 00	70 00	67 18	521 00	486 72	37 10	22 15	.....	82 30	70 00	.....
13. South Brunswick.....	John N Jones.....		25 00		50 00	105 00	96 50	650 00	619 30	39 20	50 00	.....	50 18	.....	.....
14. Nottoway.....	J. D. Hank.....				150 00	132 00	124 30	850 00	800 38	57 32	72 00	.....	115 58	15 00	.....
15. Amelia....	W. G. Lumpkin.....		50 00		100 00	90 00	81 45	800 00	724 00	84 55	30 00	.....	40 15	... ..	.....
16. Cumberland.....	J. W. Blincoe.....				50 00	85 00	85 00	750 00	750 00	.....	25 00	.....	84 40	.....	.....
17. Cartersville.....	C. D. Crawley.....				75 00	95 00	85 75	600 00	514 48	94 77	25 00	.....	40 00	.....	24 25
18. Buckingham.....	J. W. Howard.....				30 00	50 00	29 44	500 00	298 81	221 75	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1881.....		241 54		1,039 50	1,450 37	1,303 06	10,111 00	8,961 77	1,299 29	436 87	34 35	902 05	178 30	182 57
	Totals for 1880.....		38 75	200 00	975 00	1,530 00	1,283 48	9,878 50	8,221 31	1,903 71	430 74	26 87	940 41	148 40	134 09
	Increase.....		202 79		64 50		19 58	232 50	740 46		6 13	7 48	.....	29 90	48 48
	Decrease.....			200 00		79 63				604 42			38 36	.....	.....

# FARMVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.					
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	
1. Farmville.....	\$58 00	\$68 00	\$12 29	\$14 79	\$21 73	\$24 56	\$ 20 00	.....	\$178 00	\$1,717 95	\$13 53	.....	.....	1	14	78	.....	300		
2. Prince Edward.....	45 00	32 00	9 36	7 25	16 56	16 56	12 00	100 00	55 00	677 02	2 82	.....	12	3	2	25	95	7	.....	
3. Burkeville.....	23 00	25 24	4 68	4 68	8 28	9 78	29 00	229 30	57 00	782 83	4 30	1	2	.....	4	40	169	2	85	
4. Lunenburg.....	70 00	21 75	14 62	10 50	25 87	12 75	32 10	202 53	12 00	1,162 19	2 55	.....	10	13	8	33	248	8	500	
5. West Lunenburg.....	25 00	15 00	5 26	3 00	9 34	6 00	25 00	101 75	.....	396 14	2 70	.....	5	2	4	20	150	2	340	
6. Boydton.....	28 00	28 00	5 85	5 85	10 35	10 35	.....	.....	97 00	786 20	11 56	.....	.....	3	1	8	60	.....	200	
7. Boydton Circuit.....	42 00	42 00	8 78	8 78	15 52	15 52	25 00	.....	8 00	643 16	2 03	1	28	.....	7	62	224	22	775	
8. Clarkesville.....	14 00	14 00	2 93	2 93	.....	.....	10 85	75 00	28 75	265 85	4 75	.....	.....	1	1	8	30	.....	350	
9. Mecklenburg.....	70 00	35 00	14 62	10 00	25 37	9 00	57 40	50 00	150 00	1,258 12	3 39	.....	28	5	4	30	225	40	250	
10. North Mecklenburg....	42 00	42 00	8 78	8 78	15 52	15 52	40 00	.....	15 00	826 30	1 78	2	25	4	5	75	250	15	200	
11. Brunswick.....	50 00	40 00	11 00	11 00	12 00	12 00	50 00	100 00	12 00	987 20	1 67	2	30	20	11	74	475	20	800	
12. West Brunswick.....	39 00	40 00	8 19	9 20	14 50	14 50	49 00	122 00	205 51	1,227 56	2 66	3	18	21	5	42	285	28	425	
13. South Brunswick.....	58 00	58 00	12 28	12 28	21 73	21 73	15 25	.....	76 10	1,074 34	1 74	2	12	8	7	95	335	5	40	
14. Nottoway.....	72 00	72 00	15 44	15 44	27 38	27 38	85 00	50 00	250 00	1,777 08	3 28	1	50	10	5	60	350	40	300	
15. Amelia.....	58 00	40 00	10 53	10 53	18 63	12 00	118 25	665 00	63 50	1,934 88	4 75	4	21	14	8	50	344	18	200	
16. Cumberland.....	47 00	47 00	10 00	10 00	17 60	17 60	125 67	1,000 00	320 50	2,515 17	6 62	.....	26	6	5	45	220	25	200	
17. Cartersville.....	53 00	28 00	11 25	8 00	19 67	15 00	127 25	1,200 00	115 75	2,258 48	8 52	.....	18	9	3	47	264	9	350	
18. Buckingham.....	28 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	4 00	4 86	.....	5 00	423 11	1 19	1	4	5	3	20	129	.....	200	
Totals for 1881.....	800 00	659 99	170 00	158 01	300 00	244 25	826 63	3,895 58	1,649 11	20,713 58	3 42	17	289	124	84	748	3,931	241	5,515	
Totals for 1880.....	800 00	623 66	170 00	149 55	300 00	223 30	534 23	6,949 29	1,021 58	21,900 66	3 66	22	227	126	82	681	3,697	81	6,087	
Increase.....		36 33		8 46		20 95		292 40	627 53				62		2	67	234	160	.....	
Decrease.....								3,053 71		1,187 08	24	5		2					572	

# FARMVILLE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
	White.	Colored					GAINS.			LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value.		
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.						Total Losses.
1. Farmville.....	126	1	127	130	.....	3	.....	11	11	1	13	.....	.....	14	1	\$6,000	2	\$5,000	\$ 500 00
2. Prince Edward.....	238	2	240	237	3	.....	14	5	19	3	12	.....	1	16	3	3,500	..	.....	200 00
3. Burkeville.....	179	3	182	179	3	.....	4	16	20	1	11	5	.....	17	4	3,050	..	.....	75 00
4. Lunenburg.....	455	1	456	585	.....	129	30	3	33	5	155	2	.....	162	6	5,000	1	1,600	75 00
5. West Lunenburg.....	147	...	147	160	.....	13	8	2	10	2	15	6	.....	23	4	2,300	..	.....	55 00
6. Boydton.....	67	1	68	73	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	.....	5	1	3,000	..	.....	300 00
7. Boydton Circuit.....	314	3	317	289	28	.....	43	19	62	8	23	.....	3	34	6	3,100	..	.....	100 00
8. Clarkesville.....	55	1	56	65	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6	.....	9	2	2,800	..	.....	160 00
9. Mecklenburg.....	371	....	371	790	.....	419	55	5	60	3	476	.....	.....	479	4	2,000	1	525	50 00
10. North Mecklenburg.....	464	....	464	.....	464	.....	36	437	473	7	2	.....	.....	9	5	2,500	..	.....	262 50
11. Brunswick.....	589	1	590	535	55	.....	50	17	67	5	6	1	.....	12	8	6,000	1	1,600	400 00
12. West Brunswick.....	462	...	462	420	42	.....	62	2	64	9	7	6	.....	22	4	2,000	1	600	120 00
13. South Brunswick.....	619	....	619	693	.....	74	25	3	28	16	85	1	.....	102	7	3,500	..	.....	200 00
14. Nottoway.....	541	1	542	482	60	.....	89	13	102	4	38	.....	.....	42	5	5,400	1	1,400	500 00
15. Amelia.....	405	2	407	407	.....	.....	24	4	28	2	24	2	.....	28	8	6,000	1	1,200	500 00
16. Cumberland.....	379	1	380	319	61	.....	61	8	69	3	5	.....	.....	8	3	3,500	1	1,000	600 00
17. Cartersville.....	263	2	265	259	6	.....	26	1	27	11	8	1	1	21	4	5,000	1	600	200 00
18. Buckingham.....	355	....	355	371	.....	16	8	.....	8	3	15	6	.....	24	6	2,200	1	400	50 00
Totals for 1881.....	6,029	19	6,048	5,994	722	668	535	546	1,081	84	902	36	5	1,027	81	66,850	11	13,925	4,347 50
Totals for 1880.....	5,969	25	5,994	.....	.....	27	355	96	451	79	311	84	4	478	69	69,800	11	14,550	3,845 00
Increase.....	60	.....	54	.....	54	.....	180	450	630	5	591	.....	1	549	12	.....	.....	.....	502 50
Decrease.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	2,950	..	625	.....

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.											MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S.
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.....	E. P. WILSON, P. E.....														
1. Washington Street.....	J. D. Blackwell.....	\$ 1 27			\$500 00	\$237 06	\$237 00	\$1,750 00	\$1,750 00	.....	\$163 41	55 43	\$363 41	55 42	\$157 00
2. Market Street.....	John E. Edwards.....	1 06	\$17 00		400 00	198 00	198 00	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	179 20	20 80	179 20	20 80	90 00
3. High Street.....	J. C. Reed.....	48	13 25		300 00	90 00	90 00	1,190 00	1,190 00	... ..	31 48	9 96	75 00	10 00	.....
4. Wesley Chapel.....	R. M. Chandler.....					44 00	44 00	425 00	425 00	.....	4 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	.....
5. Blandford.....	Joseph Lear.....	05	5 50			10 00	10 00	200 00	200 00	.....		7 50		7 50	.....
6. Ettrick.....	J. R. Sturgiss.....	20	7 75			37 00	37 00	600 00	600 00	.....	18 00	20 97	9 60	11 11	.....
7. Chesterfield.....	W. G. Williams.....	30	8 46		75 00	73 00	67 30	775 00	714 49	66 21	11 91		14 80	15 60	.....
8. Matoaca.....	W. H. Riddick.....	10	7 75			20 00	18 52	425 00	393 38	33 10			12 00		.....
9. Dinwiddie.....	D. M. Wallace.....	40	25 00		25 00	76 00	76 00	675 00	675 00	.....	10 00		20 00		.....
10. West Dinwiddie.....	W. W. Lear.....	60	16 00		24 00	112 00	90 57	610 00	486 88	144 55	25 00		36 30		.....
11. Sussex.....	C. H. Boggs.....	35	8 85		75 00	67 00	62 70	600 00	556 73	47 57	8 00		100 00		.....
12. North Sussex.....	J. H. Proctor...	47	5 00			87 00	82 66	700 00	650 00	54 34	30 00		43 00	12 00	.....
13. Hicksford.....	W. H. Atwill.....	36	10 00		15 00	66 00	60 29	585 00	513 50	77 21	40 00		42 13		.....
14. Prince George... ..	A. B. Warwick.....	60	13 00			112 00	107 98	600 00	578 47	25 55	22 41		35 00		.....
15. Surry.....	W. E. Grant.....	40				82 00	69 97	325 00	272 98	64 05			38 80		.....
16. Wakefield.....	J. T. Mastin.....	30	8 40			56 00	56 00	470 00	470 00	.....	3 00		24 57	2 57	.....
17. Coalfield.....	R. O. Payne.....	22	13 00			45 00	31 50	200 00	140 02	73 48	6 00		7 94		.....
18. Clover Hill.....	J. B. Askew.....	24	27 40			45 00	34 03	180 00	136 12	54 85			30 63		.....
	Totals for 1881.....	7 49	186 36		1,414 00	1,457 00	1,373 52	11,910 00	11,352 57	640 91	552 41	119 66	1036 38	140 00	247 00
	Totals for 1880.....	3 50	234 77		1,450 00	1,450 00	1,299 66	12,305 00	11,212 20	1,243 14	508 55	121 51	699 99	129 76	115 00
	Increase.....	3 99				7 00	73 86		140 37		43 86		336 39	10 24	132 00
	Decrease.....		48 41		36 00			395 00		602 23		1 85			



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PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE		BISHOP'S		EDUCATION'L		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	COLLECTIONS.		FUND.		FUND.		For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.													
1. Washington Street.....	\$145 00	\$148 91	\$31 00	\$31 00	\$54 00	\$54 00	\$ 285 76	.....	\$1,810 99	\$ 5,613 60	\$10 71	2	5	16	1	53	327	20	500
2. Market Street.....	121 00	134 90	26 00	26 00	45 00	45 00	134 74	\$ 120 91	1,590 55	4,758 16	13 85	1	12	17	1	37	184	17	710
3. High Street.....	54 00	55 15	12 00	12 00	20 00	20 00	160 91	.....	505 52	2,473 75	6 52	2	11	20	2	40	247	9	640
4. Wesley Chapel.....	26 00	13 00	6 00	3 00	10 00	2 00	89 33	961 87	80 00	1,636 20	8 26	2	2	10	1	24	122	7	450
5. Blandford.....	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	73 81	.....	76 13	389 49	5 06	1	7	7	1	21	104	30	201
6. Ettrick.....	22 00	22 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	8 00	160 44	85 00	102 60	1,087 67	4 35	2	9	4	1	24	180	21	250
7. Chesterfield.....	44 00	20 00	9 00	8 00	17 00	11 91	222 75	320 50	162 00	1,653 11	3 63	2	12	18	8	80	380	33	800
8. Matoaca.....	12 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	43 12	572 93	15 15	1,074 95	8 27	.....	5	.....	1	31	145	16	300
9. Dinwiddie.....	46 50	46 50	10 00	10 00	18 00	18 00	63 50	107 00	346 75	1,423 15	3 53	.....	25	12	8	84	369	25	230
10. West Dinwiddie.....	69 00	49 46	13 00	8 25	36 00	16 50	35 00	42 75	87 81	919 12	3 03	.....	8	3	5	46	191	8	375
11. Sussex.....	40 00	40 00	8 00	8 00	15 00	15 00	30 00	15 00	356 05	1,275 68	3 99	3	9	9	9	34	360	9	200
12. North Sussex.....	53 00	53 00	11 00	11 00	20 00	15 22	97 94	.....	175 00	1,175 29	3 17	3	15	25	6	83	352	26	875
13. Hicksford.....	40 00	40 00	9 00	9 00	15 00	15 00	40 00	.....	10 00	795 28	3 65	1	8	4	4	40	160	.....	200
14. Prince George.....	68 00	60 91	14 00	14 00	26 00	26 00	120 00	445 00	111 00	1,534 37	4 65	.....	16	21	6	65	197	12	675
15. Surry.....	45 00	15 00	10 00	4 00	17 00	5 15	40 50	130 00	8 00	584 80	3 23	.....	6	.....	3	25	185	4	200
16. Wakefield.....	34 00	20 00	7 00	4 00	13 00	7 50	11 00	774 75	87 09	1,469 18	8 44	2	2	.....	1	12	56	1	200
17. Coalfield.....	27 00	27 00	6 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	125 60	152 23	17 22	536 73	3 03	.....	9	7	4	44	175	2	324
18. Clover Hill.....	27 00	8 50	6 00	2 40	10 00	4 15	9 60	.....	.....	252 47	1 34	1	1	1	3	35	110	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	880 00	770 33	187 00	164 65	330 00	275 43	1,743 40	3,727 94	5,541 86	28,653 00	5 70	22	162	174	65	778	3844	240	7,130
Totals for 1880.....	880 00	692 76	187 00	158 86	330 00	238 09	1,706 89	3,853 82	4,510 90	26,936 26	5 40	22	134	197	64	744	3946	174	6,129
Increase.....	.....	77 57	.....	5 79	.....	37 34	36 51	.....	1,030 96	1,716 74	30	.....	28	.....	1	34	.....	66	1,001
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	102	.....	.....

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							Churches.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.		
	White.	Colored					GAINS.				LOSSES.					No.	Value.		No.	Value
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.						
1. Washington Street.....	524	....	524	542	.....	18	25	14	39	8	49	.....	.....	57	1	\$25,000	1 \$ 5,000	3,000		
2. Market Street.....	345	....	345	332	13	.....	25	16	41	4	21	3	.....	28	1	15,000	1 2,000	1,000		
3. High Street.....	381	....	381	384	.....	3	14	6	20	9	13	1	.....	23	2	10,300	1 3,000	350		
4. Wesley Chapel.....	198	....	198	202	.....	4	8	4	12	2	14	.....	.....	16	1	3,200	.....	200		
5. Blandford.....	77	....	77	55	22	.....	28	7	35	2	5	.....	6	13	1	900	.....	200		
6. Ettrick.....	250	....	250	242	8	.....	19	5	24	2	4	9	1	16	1	1,500	.....	130		
7. Chesterfield.....	455	1	456	410	46	.....	17	60	77	9	21	1	.....	31	8	3,700	1 1,000	420		
8. Matoaca.....	130	....	130	125	5	.....	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1,000	.....	300		
9. Dinwiddie.....	403	....	403	340	63	.....	61	8	69	1	3	2	.....	6	7	3,637	1 419	100		
10. West Dinwiddie.....	303	....	303	341	.....	38	17	8	25	8	44	11	.....	63	6	4,200	.....	100		
11. Sussex.....	320	.....	320	289	31	.....	27	24	51	3	10	7	.....	20	5	3,500	1 600	.....		
12. North Sussex.....	371	....	371	385	.....	14	24	2	26	7	38	.....	.....	40	6	3,800	.....	.....		
13. Hicksford.....	218	....	218	209	9	.....	16	3	19	3	.....	7	.....	10	4	3,000	.....	100		
14. Prince George.....	329	1	330	338	.....	8	25	5	30	7	12	19	.....	38	6	3,000	.....	260		
15. Surry.....	181	...	181	175	6	.....	9	7	16	4	1	5	.....	10	4	2,700	.....	250		
16. Wakefield....	174	....	174	165	9	.....	11	9	20	3	8	.....	.....	11	5	5,000	.....	.....		
17. Coalfield.....	177	....	177	215	.....	38	22	4	26	3	56	5	.....	64	4	2,800	.....	400		
18. Clover Hill.....	189	...	189	177	12	....	2	15	17	4	.....	1	.....	5	4	2,800	.....	.....		
Totals for 1881.....	5,025	2	5 027	4,926	224	123	356	197	553	79	294	71	8	452	67	95,037	6 12,019	6,810		
Totals for 1880.....	4,984	2	4,986	4,986	.....	37	296	612	908	85	780	78	2	945	67	97,000	5 12,000	6,395		
Increase.....	41	....	41	.....	41	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	19	.....	415		
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	415	355	6	486	7	.....	493	.....	1,963	.....	.....		

## GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

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## MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE		BISHOP'S		EDUCATION'L		MONEY RAISED			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	COLLECTION.		FUND.		FUND.		For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.													
1. Murfreesboro.....	\$60 00	\$60 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00	\$15 00	\$15 00	\$ 28 33	.....	\$130 59	\$ 997 42	\$ 9 68	1	3	.....	1	22	90	4	90
2. Northampton.....	100 00	65 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	10 00	56 00	.....	20 00	1,110 00	1 48	2	22	4	7	76	495	.....	511
3. Meherrin.....	50 00	50 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	40 00	.....	225 00	1,114 41	2 17	2	12	2	7	45	350	.....	150
4. Bertie.....	40 00	20 09	9 00	4 00	20 00	7 00	34 20	535 27	40 00	1,564 75	6 60	.....	3	11	5	49	163	4	350
5. Hertford.....	80 00	85 64	20 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	63 36	305 30	35 00	1,714 71	2 74	1	18	26	11	114	542	.....	750
6. Edenton.....	25 00	13 87	5 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	6 22	6 75	220 52	594 73	11 22	.....	4	.....	1	12	41	2	400
7. Pasquotank.....	50 00	20 00	12 00	5 00	20 00	5 00	19 75	.....	159 10	1,077 80	1 98	1	20	35	6	60	390	11	960
8. Elizabeth City.....	60 00	60 00	12 00	12 00	15 00	15 00	68 13	407 55	278 99	2,273 54	12 42	1	.....	10	1	30	150	.....	450
9. Suffolk.....	50 00	50 00	12 00	12 00	17 00	17 00	88 70	.....	441 13	1,806 91	8 81	.....	1	3	1	26	160	2	170
10. Gates.....	100 00	111 15	22 00	22 00	43 00	43 00	82 00	1,265 00	145 00	3,229 00	3 19	2	49	10	9	94	615	45	850
11. Southampton.....	60 00	50 00	12 00	12 00	22 00	15 00	165 00	2,000 00	50 00	3,069 93	5 03	.....	40	.....	8	80	440	30	900
12. North Southampton....	60 00	20 00	12 00	10 00	22 00	10 00	20 00	30 00	16 00	1,004 52	3 41	1	2	2	5	39	133	.....	95
13. Chuckatuck.....	35 00	22 00	8 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	52 00	320 05	25 00	1,055 60	4 55	.....	26	6	5	70	250	.....	600
14. Camden.....	60 00	28 85	12 00	6 34	21 00	9 85	92 00	.....	8 00	819 77	1 87	1	17	2	5	48	275	18	475
15. Dare.....	15 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	27 00	225 00	40 00	583 18	1 80	2	1	2	5	46	210	7	350
16. Hertford Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17. Harrellsville.....	36 00	7 00	8 00	2 00	15 00	.....	.....	400 00	164 00	1,184 85	5 00	1	15	1	16	38	145	12	275
Totals for 1881.....	880 00	673 60	187 00	154 34	330 00	214 85	842 69	5,494 92	1,998 33	23,201 12	3 65	15	233	114	93	849	4,449	135	7,376
Totals for 1880..	880 00	571 96	187 00	127 30	330 00	198 85	794 94	1,934 77	2,367 09	18,178 43	2 83	19	188	96	76	749	4,107	121	6,969
Increase.....	.....	101 64	.....	27 04	.....	16 00	47 75	3,560 15	.....	5,022 69	82	.....	45	18	17	100	342	14	407
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	368 76	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

# MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored					GAINS.				LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Murfreesboro.....	103	....	103	116	.....	13	4	10	14	3	23	1	.....	27	1	\$3,000	..	.....	\$ 150 00
2. Northampton.....	748	....	748	800	.....	52	38	2	40	5	82	5	.....	92	7	12,220	...	.....	100 00
3. Meherrin.....	514	....	514	504	10	.....	20	.....	20	4	3	... ..	3	10	5	5,000	1	1,000	.....
4. Bertie.....	236	1	237	444	.....	207	14	.....	14	5	215	1	.....	221	6	4,000	1	1,500	250 00
5. Hertford.....	625	....	625	761	.....	136	26	6	32	26	127	15	.....	168	7	9,000	1	1,200	500 00
6. Edenton.....	53	....	53	.....	53	.....	7	51	58	3	2	.....	.....	5	2	4,000	..	.....	250 00
7. Pasquotank.....	543	....	543	557	.....	14	21	20	41	41	13	1	.....	55	6	4,000	..	.....	200 00
8. Elizabeth City.....	183	....	183	195	.....	12	.....	6	6	4	14	.....	.....	18	1	10,000	1	2,000	450 00
9. Suffolk.....	205	....	205	214	.....	9	2	11	13	4	16	2	.....	22	1	10,000	1	2,800	800 00
10. Gates .....	1,013	....	1,013	964	49	.....	84	.....	84	11	22	1	1	35	10	9,300	1	1,000	350 00
11. Southampton.....	610	....	610	573	37	.....	47	.....	47	2	8	.....	.....	10	6	6,000	..	.....	1,300 00
12. North Southampton....	295	...	295	316	.....	21	3	.....	3	6	2	16	.....	24	5	4,900	1	1,500	460 00
13. Chuckatuck....	232	....	232	213	19	.....	34	1	35	6	8	2	.....	16	5	6,000	..	.....	100 00
14. Camden....	439	....	439	425	14	.....	33	.....	33	12	4	3	.....	19	4	2,000	1	1,000	250 00
15. Dare.....	324	....	324	325	.....	1	8	.....	8	4	3	2	.....	9	6	2,325	..	.....	.....
16. Hertford Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	12	..	.....	..	.....	.....
17. Harrellsville.....	237	....	237	.....	237	.....	15	224	239	.....	1	1	... ..	2	5	5,000	1	1,000	270 00
Totals for 1881.....	6,360	1	6,361	6,419	419	477	356	331	687	136	555	50	4	745	77	96,745	9	13,000	5,430 00
Totals for 1880.....	6,414	5	6,419	6,419	.....	30	263	67	330	98	216	33	13	360	76	91,420	9	12,466	3,275 00
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	264	357	38	339	17	.....	385	1	5,325	..	534	2,155 00
Decrease.....	54	4	58	.....	5	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....



# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.											MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S
NORFOLK DISTRICT.....	J. A. PROCTOR, P. E....														
1. Cumberland Street.....	J. H. Riddick.....	4 75			\$400 00	\$190 00	\$190 00	\$1,600 00	\$1,600 00		\$ 59 00	30 00	\$ 48 75	70 00	.....
2. Granby Street.....	A. C. Bledsoe....				400 00	205 00	205 00	1,800 00	1,800 00		80 00	50 00	210 00	100 00	24 55
3. Queen Street.....	J. F. Twitty.....		25 00			40 00	40 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		28 00		38 00	21 05	.....
4. Berkeley.....	T. McN. Simpson.....		11 40			35 00	35 00	750 00	750 00		20 00		20 00	30 52	.....
5. Monumental.....	W. E. Judkins.....	4 20	31 50		300 00	168 00	168 00	1,700 00	1,700 00		79 00		105 00		25 00
6. Central.....	H. P. Mitchell.....		14 00			76 88	76 88	900 00	900 00		40 00		40 00		
7. Second Street.....	J. B. Merrill.....					35 00	35 00	600 00	600 00			15 00		15 00	
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	E. M. Jordan.....				100 00	100 00	94 28	850 00	805 72	50 00	32 40	14 47	72 13	40 00	
9. East Norfolk.....	T. J. Bayton.....		10 35		150 00	102 00	102 00	700 00	700 00		18 00		20 11		
10. South Norfolk.....	J. J. Edwards.....		25 00		100 00	125 00	125 00	700 00	700 00		40 00		87 00	10 00	
11. Princess Anne.....	F. H. Campbell.....				100 00	174 25	174 25	1,000 00	1,000 00		20 00		63 00	4 00	
12. Currituck.....	J. B. DeBerry.....		18 00		60 00	85 00	86 95	550 00	564 90*		39 00		33 11		
13. Hampton.....	R. J. Moorman.....		50 00		150 00	61 50	61 50	700 00	700 00		30 00		142 48	10 00	
14. York.....	J. H. Dalby.....		14 00		75 00	87 13	87 13	500 00	500 00		8 70	8 30	50 00		
15. Smithfield and Benn's...	Jacob Manning.....				150 00	85 00	85 00	700 00	700 00		30 00		40 00		
16. Isle of Wight.....	J. E. DeShazo.....	1 13	30 00		100 00	45 00	45 00	525 00	525 00		21 10		32 90		
17. Fox Hill.....	By Wm. T. White.....							200 00	200 00		7 40				
	Totals for 1881.....	10 08	229 25		2,085 00	1,614 76	1,610 99	14,775 00	14,745 62	50 00	552 60	117 77	1002 48	300 57	49 55
	Totals for 1880.....	31 40	120 62		2,085 00	1 605 00	1,546 89	14,775 00	14,303 80	529 31	465 56	124 91	918 67	310 69	27 90
	Increase.....		108 63			9 76	64 10		441 82		87 04		83 81		21 65
	Decrease.....	21 40								479 31		7 14		10 12	



PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
Cumberland Street.....	\$119 00	\$119 00	\$24 00	\$24 00	\$43 00	\$43 00	\$210 00	1,585 00	\$914 61	\$5,298 11	\$ 9 31	3	1	14	1	42	330	.....	400
2. Granby Street.....	125 00	134 00	26 00	30 00	45 00	46 00	304 21	92 15	1,477 29	4,953 20	12 38	.....	.....	11	1	45	241	.....	500
3. Queen Street.....	25 00	25 92	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	138 96	1,397 20	426 53	3,155 66	20 89	.....	.....	4	1	25	125	.....	331
4. Berkeley.....	22 00	25 25	4 00	4 00	8 00	8 00	130 53	30 00	132 74	1,197 44	7 62	1	1	13	1	21	103	3	200
5. Monumental.....	105 00	105 00	22 00	22 70	39 00	39 00	200 00	1,421 26	1,264 88	5,465 54	11 51	.....	.....	16	1	36	230	.....	.....
6. Central.....	40 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	543 25	1,674 13	5 01	3	36	15	1	26	125	17	500
7. Second Street.....	22 00	22 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	87 72	.....	118 40	903 12	5 57	.....	5	5	1	25	153	5	200
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	63 00	63 50	13 00	13 00	24 00	24 50	225 50	425 00	280 75	2,191 25	7 56	.....	.....	3	6	54	244	.....	500
9. East Norfolk .....	64 00	30 00	14 00	7 00	24 00	.....	76 18	.....	87 50	1,201 14	4 03	.....	7	12	3	40	175	.....	800
10. South Norfolk .....	78 00	78 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	99 75	.....	415 93	1,735 68	4 01	2	23	5	4	43	223	.....	310
11. Princess Anne.....	106 00	40 00	22 00	20 00	40 00	5 00	163 96	200 00	50 00	1,840 21	2 09	5	12	42	7	91	660	25	1,234
12. Currituck.....	53 00	53 00	12 00	12 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	.....	.....	916 96	1 78	2	26	4	9	75	400	.....	500
13. Hampton.....	37 00	50 00	9 00	9 00	16 00	16 00	76 04	.....	312 93	1,607 95	10 31	1	6	17	1	13	100	.....	100
14. York.....	53 00	53 00	11 00	11 00	19 00	19 85	40 33	.....	130 26	996 72	1 41	2	10	25	4	94	400	7	650
15. Smithfield and Benn's..	53 00	53 00	11 00	11 00	19 00	19 00	40 00	.....	166 00	1,294 00	4 71	2	.....	4	3	40	157	.....	600
16. Isle of Wight.....	28 00	31 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	28 23	1 50	687 00	1,517 86	4 90	.....	21	16	4	59	262	12	475
17. Fox Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	227 40	1 80	.....	4	7	1	15	140	.....	150
Totals for 1881.....	1,000 00	922 67	212 00	208 70	375 00	309 50	1,851 41	5,152 11	7,028 07	36,176 37	5 80	21	152	203	49	744	4,068	69	7,450
Totals for 1880.. .....	1,000 00	869 50	212 00	204 93	375 00	279 00	1,874 03	6,012 49	8,540 92	37,716 39	6 15	19	161	240	48	762	3,783	148	7,949
Increase.....	.....	53 17	.....	3 77	.....	30 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	285	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 02	860 38	1,512 85	1,540 02	35	.....	9	27	.....	18	.....	79	499

# NORFOLK DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								Churches.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored					GAINS.				LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Cumberland Street.....	565	....	565	576	... ..	11	7	10	17	12	10	6	.....	28	1	\$20,000	1	\$ 4,500	2,000
2. Granby Street.....	400	....	400	398	2	.....	5	21	26	7	12	5	.....	24	1	30,000	1	6,000	2,600
3. Queen Street. ....	151	....	151	140	11	.....	1	17	18	1	5	1	.....	7	1	7,000	..	.....	100
4. Berkely.....	157	....	157	148	9	.....	4	20	24	1	13	1	.....	15	1	5,000	..	.....	200
5. Monumental.....	475	....	475	508	.....	33	2	14	16	6	35	8	.....	49	1	40,000	..	....	500
6. Central.....	334	....	334	274	60	.....	79	6	85	4	21	.....	.....	25	1	14,000	..	.....	500
7. Second Street.....	162	....	162	168	.....	6	11	.....	11	5	12	.....	.....	17	1	2,500	..	.....	275
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	290	....	290	306	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	5	.....	16	6	7,000	1	2,000	.....
9. East Norfolk.....	298	....	298	286	12	.....	11	7	18	4	2	.....	.....	6	3	4,000	1	1,500	200
10. South Norfolk.....	433	....	433	412	21	.....	25	.....	25	4	.....	.....	.....	4	6	7,400	1	1,000	300
11. Princess Anne.....	879	.....	879	867	12	.....	81	5	86	23	44	2	.....	74	8	7,600	1	1,300	200
12. Currituck.....	516	....	516	513	3	.....	38	4	42	14	14	7	4	39	7	5,100	1	1,000	200
13. Hampton.....	156	....	156	261	.....	105	14	10	24	.....	129	.....	.....	129	1	2,000	1	2,000	300
14. York.....	708	1	709	689	20	.....	34	.....	34	13	1	.....	.....	14	4	2,000	1	800	70
15. Smithfield and Benn's...	275	...	275	290	.....	15	.....	2	2	4	3	10	.....	17	1	4,500	1	2,500	400
16. Isle of Wight.....	310	....	310	292	18	.....	28	3	31	7	3	2	1	13	4	4,000	1	1,400	450
17. Fox Hill.....	126	....	126	.....	126	....	15	112	127	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	800	..	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	6,235	1	6,236	6,128	294	186	355	231	586	122	304	47	5	478	48	162,900	11	24,000	8,295
Totals for 1880.....	6,127	1	6,128	6,128	230	.....	540	115	655	122	200	94	9	425	51	162,665	11	23,800	8,345
Increase.....	108	....	108	.....	108	.....	.....	116	.....	.....	104	.....	.....	53	..	235	..	200	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	.....	69	.....	.....	47	4	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	50

# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presid. ng Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S.
RANDOLPH MACON DIST....	J. P. GARLAND, P. E....														
1. Ashland.....	L. M. Lee.....	\$1 90	\$6 00			\$100 00	\$100 00	\$500 00	\$500 00		\$30 60		\$ 36 00		\$14 00
2. Spottsylvania.....	R. A. Armistead.....		8 75			35 00	35 00	165 00	165 00		15 67		10 00		
3. Caroline.....	J. G. Rowe.....					55 00	30 40	500 00	276 34	248 26	1 25		14 64		15 22
4. Bowling Green.....	W. E. Evans.....	2 38	12 00		100 00	70 00	63 00	500 00	452 00	55 00	22 00		22 49		
5. Middlesex.....	M. S. Colonna.....				100 00	115 00	115 00	700 00	700 00		22 00		22 00		
6. King and Queen.....	B. C. Spiller.....	2 20	12 50		75 00	115 00	100 00	525 00	451 00	89 00	15 00		25 00		
7. King William.....	W. T. Williams.....	1 90	5 00			100 00	80 29	300 00	240 90	78 81	15 00		20 25		
8. Essex.....	Jno. M. Campbell.....		5 00			35 00	35 00	225 00	187 41	37 59	7 15		11 50		
9. Hanover.....	R. N. Crooks.....	1 90	9 10		50 00	100 00	65 34	750 00	429 13	355 53	9 00	5 00	10 66	8 00	
10. West Hanover.....	W. E. Allen.....	1 50	25 00			56 00	27 67	710 00	350 85	387 48	14 00	3 00	11 00		
11. Goochland.....	W. A. Laughon.....	2 16	12 00		50 00	55 00	47 35	410 00	353 92	63 73	7 25		6 50		
12. West Goochland.....	S. H. Johnson.....	1 50	9 00			38 00	25 66	125 00	84 45	52 89	12 50		12 50		
13. King George.....	D. G. C. Butts.....	1 95	15 00			102 00	95 96	635 00	596 99	44 05	15 18		45 25		21 25
14. Montross.....	Paul Bradley.....	95				41 00	40 09	300 00	292 61	8 30	10 00		14 00		
15. Westmoreland.....	W. A. Crocker.....	2 10	13 00			108 00	108 00	530 00	530 00		22 44	4 00		70 00	76 65
16. Heathville.....	A. Wiles.....	2 35	44 00		75 00	105 00	89 58	561 00	514 14	62 28	16 55		71 95		
17. Bethany Station.....	W. W. Sawyer.....	1 95	16 00			70 00	72 00	434 00	449 44*		13 65		21 00		
18. Lancaster.....	H. T. Bacon.....	1 90	42 00		75 00	115 00	105 00	600 00	550 00	60 00	36 63		95 40	4 60	
19. East Louisa Mission.....						35 00	35 00	100 00	36 25	63 75	3 00		4 00		
Totals for 1881.....		26 64	234 35		525 00	1,450 00	1,270 34	8,570 00	7,160 43	1,606 67	288 87	12 00	454 14	82 60	127 12
Totals for 1880.....		81 08	134 14		500 00	1,152 83	974 49	8,517 42	7,180 20	1,515 56	253 56	14 67	324 47	104 92	40 65
Increase.....			100 21		25 00	297 17	295 85	52 58		91 11	35 31		129 67		86 47
Decrease.....		54 44							19 77			2 67		22 32	

# RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
1 Ashland.....	\$40 65	\$40 65	\$8 65	\$8 65	\$15 25	\$15 25	\$ 68 93	\$1,915 57	\$ 86 10	\$ 2,823 65	\$17 43	.....	.....	.....	1	20	143	.....	228
2 Spottsylvania.....	13 92	13 92	2 95	2 95	5 31	5 31	125 00	.....	31 00	412 60	2 21	1	8	1	3	30	182	.....	260
3. Caroline.....	25 05	6 23	5 32	2 56	9 39	1 81	9 92	.....	38 70	397 07	1 19	1	4	1	3	25	225	3	300
4. Bowling Green.....	27 84	30 00	5 90	6 00	10 42	11 00	99 59	.....	128 45	948 91	3 87	1	18	9	4	50	300	15	800
5. Middlesex.....	52 87	45 00	11 23	9 00	19 81	12 00	35 00	25 00	90 00	1,175 00	2 22	.....	4	11	7	70	450	12	800
6. King and Queen.....	55 68	17 00	11 80	8 00	20 84	15 00	30 00	15 00	35 00	800 70	1 38	1	27	2	4	53	315	12	425
7. King William .....	44 55	14 86	9 44	7 65	16 67	9 00	30 00	400 00	24 00	848 85	3 07	.....	.....	.....	4	25	170	3	180
8. Essex.....	12 53	12 53	2 66	2 66	4 70	4 70	18 34	110 00	10 00	404 29	1 85	1	15	.....	3	34	131	18	201
9. Hanover.....	.....	21 00	.....	8 00	.....	3 91	38 09	1,106 00	96 00	1,861 13	5 57	.....	2	4	4	46	203	4	475
10. West Hanover .....	25 05	16 00	5 32	5 00	9 39	8 63	18 75	655 00	36 00	1,172 40	2 61	.....	5	.....	5	51	222	5	750
11. Goochland... ..	25 05	13 05	5 32	3 00	9 39	5 20	2 80	.....	182 00	685 23	2 85	.....	5	2	4	42	185	5	436
12. West Goochland.....	13 92	13 92	2 93	2 95	.....	5 21	8 50	.....	22 00	198 19	1 48	.....	8	4	2	12	73	2	448
13. King George.....	47 30	44 80	10 10	8 00	17 74	17 74	40 36	361 76	90 71	1,354 95	3 63	1	34	10	4	47	312	24	415
14. Montross.....	18 10	18 10	3 90	3 90	6 80	6 80	71 26	15 00	138 50	611 21	2 05	1	15	5	4	37	210	7	230
15. Westmoreland.....	50 10	50 10	10 64	10 54	18 78	18 78	47 99	265 00	408 42	1,627 02	4 60	3	11	11	6	61	305	12	623
16. Heathville.....	48 78	48 78	10 40	10 40	18 40	18 40	56 10	.....	41 00	988 25	1 80	1	16	4	9	91	494	9	1,311
17. Bethany Station.....	27 84	29 00	5 90	6 00	10 42	11 00	21 35	.....	245 15	886 54	4 39	.....	3	.....	1	20	100	3	200
18. Lancaster.....	46 75	50 00	9 93	10 00	17 59	17 59	59 83	50 00	242 42	1,340 37	3 46	3	2	4	6	54	332	5	620
19. East Louisa Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	3 00	9 60	950 00	.....	1,042 75	11 59	1	6	2	2	14	81	1	65
Totals for 1881.....	640 00	484 94	136 00	117 76	240 00	190 33	790 81	5,868 33	1,945 45	19,579 11	3 31	15	183	70	76	782	4433	140	8,767
Totals for 1880.....	640 40	478 87	136 00	108 19	240 00	188 14	1,090 90	5,924 69	1,907 67	19,306 64	3 26	18	213	103	69	766	4485	156	7,953
Increase.....	.....	6 07	.....	9 57	.....	2 19	.....	.....	37 78	272 47	05	.....	.....	.....	7	16	.....	.....	814
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 09	56 36	.....	.....	.....	3	30	33	.....	.....	52	16	.....

# RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	MEMBERS.		Total	Total	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.							Churches.		PARSON-AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
	White.	Colored	Members this Year.	Members Reported Last Year			GAINS.			LOSSES.				No.	Value.	No.	Value		
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certif- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death	Re- movals.	With- draws	Expul- sions.						Total Losses.
1. Ashland.....	162	....	162	227	....	65	.....	18	18	1	82	.....	.....	83	1	\$ 4,000	..	.....	.....
2. Spottsylvania.....	187	....	187	179	8	.....	17	4	21	5	7	1	.....	13	4	2,500	..	.....	\$ 160
3. Caroline.....	333	....	333	338	.....	5	6	1	7	4	6	.....	2	12	3	3,250	..	....	40
4. Bowling Green.....	245	....	245	236	9	.....	18	2	20	5	6	.....	.....	11	4	2,500	..	.....	250
5. Middlesex.....	530	....	530	536	.....	6	26	4	30	5	31	.....	.....	36	7	8,000	1	1,300	440
6. King and Queen.....	582	....	582	562	20	.....	20	15	35	4	6	5	.....	15	4	7,000	1	400	50
7. King William.....	273	3	276	276	.....	.....	2	7	9	5	3	1	.....	9	4	2,000	..	.....	50
8. Essex.....	218	....	218	194	24	.....	23	2	25	.....	1	.....	.....	1	2	1,700	..	.....	.....
9. Hanover.....	334	....	334	341	....	7	5	4	9	4	6	6	.....	16	4	4,300	1	1,100	500
10. West Hanover.....	449	1	450	424	26	.....	8	39	47	4	17	.....	.....	21	6	4,000	..	.....	.....
11. Goochland.....	247	.....	247	247	.....	.....	10	1	11	4	1	5	1	11	4	2,100	1	800	.....
12. West Goochland.....	134	....	134	129	5	.....	12	.....	12	2	5	.....	.....	7	2	1,000	..	.....	.....
13. King George.....	372	1	373	338	35	.....	63	4	67	6	7	13	6	32	4	6,600	..	.....	375
14. Montross.....	266	32	298	304	.....	6	23	.....	23	10	14	5	.....	29	4	2,600	..	.....	.....
15. Westmoreland.....	354	....	354	360	.....	6	22	2	24	8	16	6	.....	30	5	6,500	1	1,000	300
16. Heathville.....	548	...	548	551	.....	3	21	9	30	12	15	6	.....	33	8	14,000	1	1,000	280
17. Bethany Station.....	202	....	202	198	4	.....	6	.....	6	1	.....	1	.....	2	1	3,500	..	.....	.....
18. Lancaster.....	387	....	387	406	.....	19	5	1	6	8	14	3	.....	25	3	6,500	1	700	400
19. East Louisa Mission.....	90	....	90	70	20	....	15	7	22	.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	900	..	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	5,913	37	5,950	5,916	151	117	302	120	422	88	239	52	9	388	71	82,950	7	6,300	2,845
Totals for 1880.....	5,874	42	5,916	5,916	408	.....	385	896	1,281	89	728	52	4	873	69	76,750	6	5,300	3,825
Increase.....	39	.....	34	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	6,200	..	1,000	.....
Decrease.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	776	859	1	489	.....	.....	485	..	.....	.....	.....	980



# GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	P residing Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT..	GEORGE H. RAY, P. E..														
1. Eastville.....	J. W. Hildrup.....		12 00		\$ 50 00	\$121 00	\$114 43	\$ 800 00	\$ 756 57	50 00	\$ 16 00		\$ 72 44	7 10	33 00
2. Bellhaven.....	W. J. Twilley.....					35 00	35 00	225 00	225 00		10 00		15 00		
3. Pungoteague.....	C. C. Wertenbaker.....	2 00	20 25		150 00	145 00	147 00	750 00	757 00*		50 00		128 98	54 00	14 15
4. Onancock.....	J. C. Watson.....	2 00	25 00		150 00	145 00	145 00	875 00	875 00		84 00	15 60	100 00	20 40	
5. Atlantic.....	R. B. Beadles.....	2 00	50 00		50 00	85 00	79 91	700 00	655 09	50 00	35 00		37 54	7 22	
6. Wicomico.....	J. W. S. Robbins.....		20 00		50 00	34 00	34 00	322 00	322 00		30 00		37 80		
7. Salisbury.....	B. F. Lipscomb.....		35 00		150 00	88 00	88 00	700 00	700 00		33 35		66 70	25 56	17 50
8. Berlin.....	J. T. Routten.....		30 00			66 00	66 00	300 00	300 00		4 00		5 00		
9. Dorchester.....	{ W. F. Bain.....		105 00		150 00	145 00	140 76	800 00	772 22	32 02	32 00		107 35		
	{ W. F. Hays, Helper..		8 00					125 00	134 75*						
10. South Dorchester.....	A. C. Jordan.....					35 00	31 47	200 00	180 80	22 73					
11. Cambridge.....	W. H. Edwards.....					88 00	73 33	600 00	500 00	114 67	20 00		25 00		
12. Accomac.....	L. B. Betty.....	1 50	23 00		75 00	78 00	78 00	525 00	525 00		55 00		62 00	43 65	
13. Hooper's Island.....	H. Hunt.....		12 00			35 00	35 00	200 00	200 00						
	Totals for 1881.....	7 50	340 25		825 00	1,100 00	1,067 90	7,122 00	6,903 43	269 42	369 35	15 60	657 81	157 93	64 65
	Totals for 1880.....	3 00	81 40		850 00	1,097 00	1,060 53	7,096 50	6,766 87	366 10	303 83	54 08	589 09	131 15	44 00
	Increase.....	4 50	258 85			3 00	7 37	26 50	136 56		65 55		68 72	26 78	20 65
	Decrease.....				25 00					96 68		38 48			



# EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
1. Eastville.....	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$22 00	\$12 23	\$ 55 31	\$ 700 00	\$161 89	\$2,061 97	\$ 5 13	.....	64	16	4	95	365	80	750
2. Bellhaven.....	17 00	17 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	32 50	500 00	10 00	854 50	6 95	1	5	15	4	33	232	8	200
3. Pungoteague.....	70 73	74 90	15 03	15 03	26 52	26 52	160 45	.....	537 00	2,137 28	3 54	2	9	43	5	65	431	.....	450
4. Onancock.....	74 00	74 00	16 00	16 00	28 50	28 50	112 05	1,199 00	161 66	3,008 21	5 73	.....	3	23	4	70	538	6	900
5. Atlantic.....	44 00	44 00	9 00	9 00	16 00	16 02	96 34	111 00	560 00	1,753 12	5 01	.....	3	3	5	70	360	3	400
6. Wicomico.....	20 00	20 00	4 00	4 00	8 00	8 00	22 29	234 06	56 80	838 95	3 66	.....	4	26	3	29	190	9	150
7. Salisbury.....	45 00	45 00	9 00	9 00	17 00	17 00	15 85	.....	215 09	1,418 05	15 25	.....	1	8	1	13	70	1	350
8. Berlin.....	35 00	6 00	8 00	3 00	13 00	1 25	95 00	19 00	23 00	552 25	2 54	2	1	6	4	43	214	8	500
9. Dorchester.....	74 00	32 10	16 00	16 00	28 11	24 00	133 50	1,253 37	383 01	3,292 06	7 40	1	1	34	7	104	354	.....	818
10. South Dorchester.....	17 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	.....	23 00	13 00	258 27	3 64	.....	.....	7	3	9	60	.....	40
11. Cambridge.....	45 00	35 00	9 00	9 00	17 00	17 00	25 17	.....	97 35	801 85	6 41	3	.....	3	1	20	105	3	200
12. Accomac.....	39 00	39 00	8 00	8 00	14 00	14 00	53 00	16 50	267 00	1,260 65	3 65	1	12	1	2	29	222	7	100
13. Hooper's Island.....	17 00	15 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	15 29	.....	11 40	293 69	2 39	.....	.....	12	5	38	235	3	325
Totals for 1881.....	560 00	466 00	119 00	109 03	210 00	176 52	816 75	4,055 93	2,497 20	18,530 85	5 07	10	103	197	48	618	3,376	78	5,183
Totals for 1880.....	560 00	441 60	119 00	102 00	210 00	160 48	623 86	2,302 67	1,930 71	15,445 29	4 11	10	64	243	43	622	3,437	105	5,259
Increase.....		24 40	.....	7 03	.....	16 04	192 87	1,753 26	666 49	3,085 56	96	.....	39	.....	5	.....	61	27	76
Decrease.....														46		4			

# EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.															CHURCH PROPERTY.				
PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored					GAINS.			Total Gains.	Death.	Re- movals.	LOSSES.		Total Losses.	No.	Value.	No.	
			Profes- sion of Faith.	Certi- ficate and oth'wise	With- drawals	Expul- sions													
1. Eastville.....	402	....	402	321	81	.....	115	10	125	9	34	1	.....	44	4	\$6,000	1	\$ 1,500	\$ 425 00
2. Bellhaven.....	123	....	123	89	34	.....	23	31	54	4	1	15	.....	20	2	500	..	.....	600 00
3. Pungoteague.....	604	....	604	635	.....	31	28	.....	28	3	42	13	1	59	4	8,000	1	2,500	500 00
4. Onancock.....	525	....	525	536	.....	11	10	5	15	8	10	7	1	26	4	7,000	1	1,850	450 00
5. Atlantic.....	350	....	350	369	.....	19	7	5	12	5	23	3	.....	31	4	6,300	1	1,200	200 00
6. Wicomico.....	229	....	229	216	13	.....	18	.....	18	2	1	2	.....	5	2	1,500	1	1,000	.....
7. Salisbury.....	93	....	93	100	.....	7	5	1	6	2	9	2	.....	13	1	4,000	1	2,500	500 00
8. Berlin.....	217	....	217	216	1	.....	22	.....	22	2	7	12	.....	21	4	4,000	..	.....	200 00
9. Dorchester.....	445	....	445	454	.....	9	15	3	18	7	19	1	.....	27	7	9,900	1	2,000	400 00
10. South Dorchester.....	71	....	71	350	.....	279	5	.....	5	2	282	.....	.....	284	3	1,800	..	.....	.....
11. Cambridge.....	125	...	125	124	1	.....	4	1	5	2	2	.....	.....	4	1	1,500	..	.....	.....
12. Accomac.....	345	....	345	349	.....	4	22	.....	22	4	22	.....	.....	26	2	3,000	1	1,200	150 00
13. Hooper's Island.....	123	....	123	.....	123	.....	17	110	127	4	.....	.....	.....	4	2	4,500	..	.....	.....
Totals for 1881.....	3,652	4	3,652	3,759	253	360	291	166	457	54	452	56	2	564	40	58,000	8	13,750	3,425 00
Totals for 1880.....	3,755	...	3,759	3,759	127	.....	263	38	301	38	50	67	19	174	38	51,700	8	13,325	2,650 00
Increase.....	103	4	107	.....	.....	.....	28	128	156	16	402	.....	.....	390	2	6,300	..	425	775
Decrease.....	103	4	107	.....	.....	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	17	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....

# RECAPITULATION OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1881.

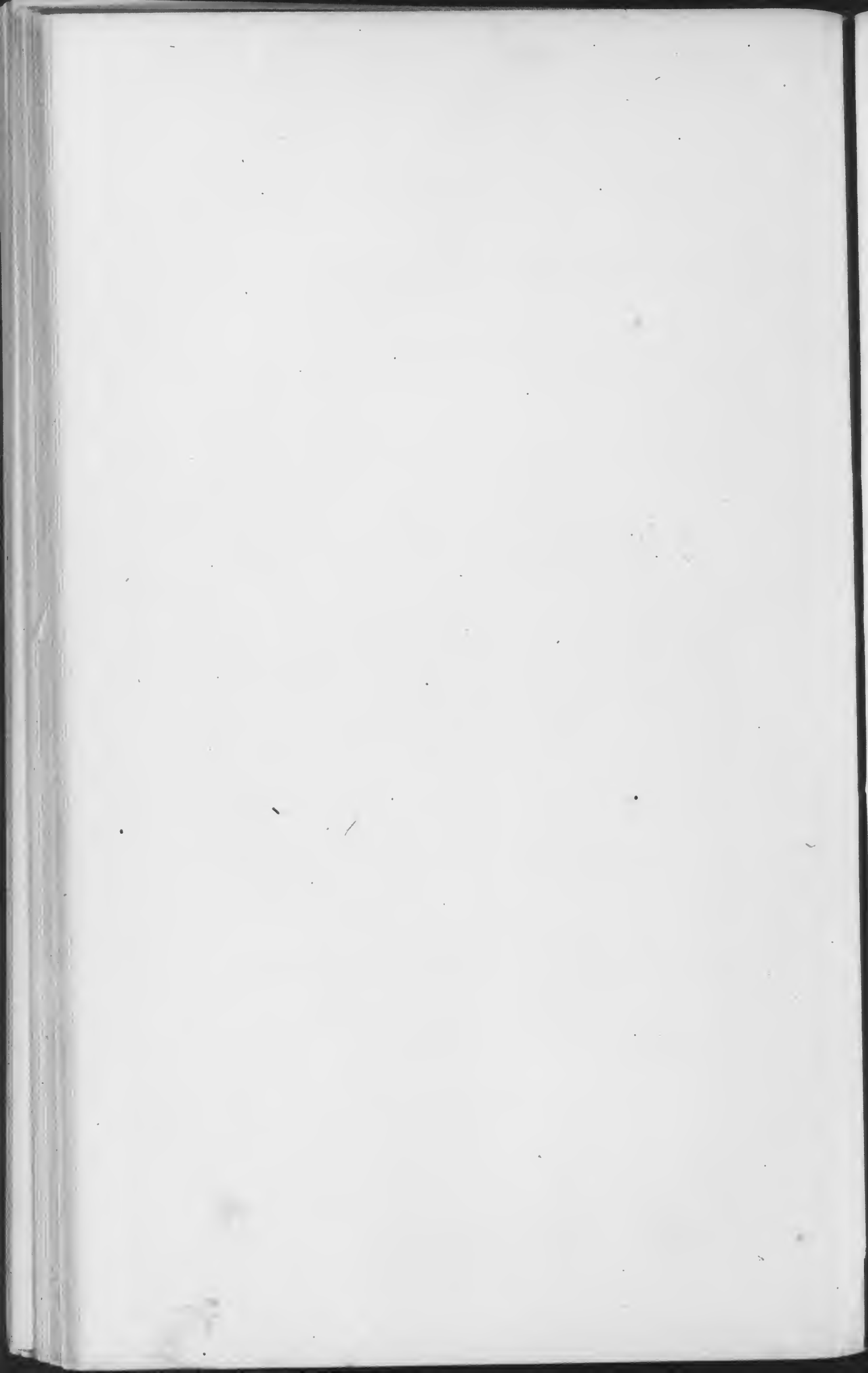
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		CLAIM OF THE PASTOR AND HELPER.		DEFICIT	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches	Raised in S. Sch'ls	Raised by W. M. S
1. Richmond.....	R. N. Sledd.....		122 00		\$600 00	1,828 48	1,786 68	\$16,513 00	\$16,097 15	\$ 657 65	\$449 03	\$ 25 39	\$ 785 29	208 95	155 04
2. Charlottesville.....	J. M. Anderson.....		79 95	205 50	750 00	1,201 04	1,020 08	8,558 00	7,365 98	1,372 98	283 45	.....	423 50	24 50	29 00
3. Lynchburg.....	D. P. Wills.....		183 78		1,518 00	1,365 00	1,283 94	11,442 39	10,749 03	777 42	556 92	35 00	707 54	83 02	74 53
4. Danville.....	Oscar Littleton.....	75 00	184 10		835 00	1,600 00	1,293 61	10,005 00	8,109 70	2,201 69	434 90	2 40	536 79	3 00	109 64
5. Farmville.....	F. J. Boggs.....		241 54		1,039 50	1,450 37	1,303 06	10,111 00	8,961 77	1,299 29	436 87	34 35	902 05	178 30	182 57
6. Petersburg.....	E. P. Wilson.....	7 49	186 36		1,414 00	1,457 00	1,373 52	11,910 00	11,352 57	640 91	552 41	119 66	1,036 38	140 00	247 00
7. Murfreesboro.....	W. H. Christian.....		246 22		980 00	1,405 00	1,243 03	11,233 00	10,007 49	1,493 34	463 47	.....	609 10	238 08	35 00
8. Norfolk.....	J. A. Proctor.....	10 08	229 25		2,085 00	1,614 76	1,610 99	14,775 00	14,745 62	50 00	552 60	117 77	1,002 48	300 57	49 55
9. Randolph Macon.....	J. P. Garland.....	26 64	234 35		525 00	1,450 00	1,270 34	8,570 00	7,160 43	1,606 67	288 87	12 00	454 14	82 60	127 12
10 Eastern Shore.....	George H. Ray.....	7 50	340 25		825 00	1,100 00	1,067 90	7,122 00	6,903 43	269 42	369 35	15 60	657 81	157 93	64 65
.....	Aggregates for 1881.....	126 71	2,047 80	205 50	10,571 50	14,471 65	13,253 15	110,239 39	101,453 17	10,369 37	4,487 87	362 17	7,115 08	1,416 95	1,074 10
.....	Aggregates for 1880.....	119 06	1,138 75	417 00	10,739 00	13,298 73	11,877 29	109,701 61	99,885 34	11,237 71	3,944 60	465 02	5,959 01	1,410 68	755 67
.....	Increase.....	7 65	909 05			1,172 92	1,375 86	537 78	1,567 83	.....	543 27	.....	1,156 07	6 27	318 43
.....	Decrease.....			211 50	167 50					868 34	.....	102 85			

# RECAPITULATION—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.				
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For Sunday School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.				Adults.	Infants.	Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.
1. Richmond.....	\$,1000 00	\$904 88	\$213 00	\$199 88	\$375 00	\$312 67	\$3,252 83	\$9,235 53	\$8,337 83	\$42,573 15	\$ 6 39	17	192	188	44	705	4,551	182	8,131
2. Charlottesville.....	720 00	465 89	153 00	120 48	270 00	175 83	743 47	3,893 75	2,252 94	17,834 32	2 97	14	246	44	67	496	3,383	115	5,055
3. Lynchburg.....	880 00	682 42	187 00	163 95	330 00	265 25	1,872 68	3,588 55	4,041 61	25,806 22	3 76	20	299	84	93	911	5,739	234	6,275
4. Danville....	640 00	506 04	136 00	105 05	240 00	180 70	921 10	1,475 93	3,582 79	18,355 75	3 83	10	232	48	73	612	4,461	191	4,893
5. Farmville.....	800 00	659 99	170 00	158 01	300 00	244 25	826 63	3,895 58	1,649 11	20,713 58	3 42	17	289	124	84	748	3,931	241	5,515
6. Petersburg.....	880 00	770 33	187 00	164 65	330 00	275 43	1,743 40	3,727 94	5,541 86	28,653 00	5 70	22	162	174	65	778	3,844	240	7,130
7. Murfreesboro.....	880 00	673 60	187 00	154 34	330 00	214 85	842 69	5,494 92	1,998 33	23,201 12	3 65	15	233	114	93	849	4,449	135	7,376
8. Norfolk.....	1,000 00	922 67	212 00	208 70	375 00	309 50	1,851 41	5,152 11	7,028 07	36,176 37	5 80	21	152	213	49	744	4,068	69	7,450
9. Randolph Macon.....	640 00	484 94	136 00	117 76	240 00	190 33	790 81	5,868 33	1,945 45	19,579 11	3 31	15	183	70	76	782	4,433	140	8,767
10. Eastern Shore.....	560 00	466 00	119 00	109 03	210 00	176 52	816 75	4,055 93	2,497 20	18,530 85	5 07	10	103	197	48	618	3,376	78	5,183
Aggregates for 1881.....	8,000 00	6,536 76	1,700 00	1,501 85	3,000 00	2,345 33	13,661 77	46,388 57	38,875 19	251,423 47	4 35	161	2,091	1,256	692	7,243	42,235	1,625	65,775
Aggregates for 1880.....	8,000 00	5,941 49	1,700 00	1,424 59	3,000 00	2,158 88	13,295 12	44,541 46	38,309 77	242,382 73	4 24	172	1,895	1,396	661	6,956	40,079	1,481	65,121
Increase.....		595 27		77 26		186 45	366 65	1,847 11	565 42	9,040 74	11		196		31	287	2,166	144	654
Decrease.....												11		140					

# RECAPITULATION—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this Year.	Total Members Reported Last Year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								Churches.	PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.	
							GAINS.				LOSSES.					No.	Value.		No.
	White.	Colored	Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.									
1. Richmond.....	6,656	9	6,665	6,575	90	.....	392	170	562	100	313	57	2	472	42	\$231,500	6	9,400	12,400 00
2. Charlottesville.....	5,979	28	6,007	5,984	23	.....	337	459	796	70	391	38	24	523	75	77,000	8	10,800	3,675 00
3. Lynchburg.....	6,848	7	6,855	6,722	133	.....	465	419	884	73	602	67	9	751	79	102,510	10	20,000	7,288 00
4. Danville.....	4,770	23	4,793	4,612	181	.....	307	151	458	57	176	39	5	277	69	74,300	6	10,950	4,948 00
5. Farmville.....	6,029	19	6,048	5,994	54	.....	535	546	1,081	84	902	36	5	1,027	81	66,850	11	13,925	4,347 50
6. Petersburg.....	5,025	2	5,027	4,986	41	.....	356	197	553	79	294	71	8	452	67	95,037	6	12,019	6,810 00
7. Murfreesboro.....	6,360	1	6,361	6,419	.....	58	356	331	687	136	555	50	4	745	77	96,745	9	13,000	5,430 00
8. Norfolk.....	6,235	1	6,236	6,128	108	.....	355	231	586	122	304	47	5	478	48	162,900	11	24,000	8,295 00
9. Randolph Macon.....	5,913	37	5,950	5,916	34	.....	302	120	422	88	239	52	9	388	71	82,950	7	6,300	2,845 00
10. Eastern Shore.....	3,652	....	3,652	3,759	.....	107	291	166	457	54	452	56	2	564	40	58,000	8	13,750	3,425 00
Aggregates for 1881.....	57,467	127	57,591	57,095	664	165	3,696	2,790	6,486	863	4,228	513	73	5,677	649	1,047,792	82	134,144	59,463 50
Aggregates for 1880.....	56,949	146	57,095	57,095	1,319	.....	3,783	2,830	6,663	796	3,833	619	96	5,344	632	1,024,700	78	131,541	59,218 00
Increase.....	518	....	499	.....	499	.....	.....	.....	.....	67	395	.....	.....	333	17	23,092	4	2,603	245 50
Decrease.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	90	177	.....	.....	106	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....





## VIII.

# CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

### I.—TRAVELING PREACHERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote: *E*—Elder; *D*—Deacon; *P*—Probationer; *Sy*—Super-numerary; *Sd*—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, Wm. E.	1850	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
2. Amiss, J. H.	1854	E	Gatesville, Gates co., N. C.
3. Anderson, J. M.	1857	E	Charlottesville, Va.
4. Armistead, R. A.	1868	E	No. 1 E. Cary street, Richmond, Va.
5. Askew, J. B.	1879	D	Roxbury, Essex county, Va.
6. Atwill, Wm. H.	1874	E	Petersburg, Va.
7. August, P. F.	1846	E	Williamsburg, Va.
8. Bacon, H. T.	1865	E	Lancaster Courthouse, Va.
9. Bain, W. F.	1851	E	Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md.
10. Bates, Walter G.	1880	P	Edenton, N. C.
11. Bayton, T. J.*	1846	E	Chuckatuck, Nansemond co., Va.
12. Beadles, R. B.	1855	E	Oak Hall, Accomac co., Va.
13. Beckham, T. M.	1862	E	Holly Dale, Lunenburg co., Va.
14. Bennett, W. W.	1843	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
15. Betty, L. B.	1875	E	Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va.
16. Berryman, Albert C.	1880	E	Scottsville, Albemarle county, Va.
17. Bishop, M. L.	1848	E	Lynch's Station, Campbell co., Va.,
18. Blackwell, J. D.	1846	E	Petersburg, Va.
19. Blankenship, R. B.	1877	E	Pittsylvania C. H.
20. Bledsoe, A. C.	1861	E	Norfolk City.
21. Bledsoe, J. W.	1869	E	Richmond City.
22. Blincoe, J. W.	1857	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland co., Va.
23. Blogg, E. N. S.	1860	E	Elizabeth City, Pasquotank co., N. C.
24. Boggs, T. H.	1855	E	King George C. H., Va.
25. Boggs, F. J.	1846	E	Farmville, Va.
26. Boggs, C. H.	1851	E	Cartersville, Cumberland co., Va.
27. Booker, G. E.	1859	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle co., Va.
28. Bowles, H. C.*	1860	E Sy	Penn's Store, Patrick co., Va.
29. Bradley, Paul	1875	E	Montross, Westmoreland co., Va.
30. Badshaw, A. J.	1877	E	Taylor's Island, Dorchester co., Md.
31. Brannin, J. F.	1845	E	Stanardsville, Green co., Va.
32. Brown, A. G.	1853	E	Danville, Lock Box 132.
33. Burton, J. M.	1876	E	Dispatch Station, New Kent co., Va.
34. Butts, D. G. C.	1870	E	Saluda, Middlesex co., Va.
35. Cain, Charles W.	1880	P	Clarksville, Mecklenburg co., Va.
36. Campbell, T. H.	1872	E	Princess Anne C. H., Va.
37. Campbell, John M.	1880	D	Wood's X Roads, Gloucester co., Va.
38. Camper, Wm. H.*	1859	E Sy	Grange C. H., Va.
39. Carroll, John W.	1880	D	Culpeper C. H., Va.
40. Carter, William*	1836	E Sd	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
41. Chandler, R. M.	1876	E	Burgess' Store, Morthumberland co., Va.
42. Chandler, E. G.	1877	D	Culpeper C. H., Va.
43. Cheatham, H. C.	1857	E	Clay Bank, Gloucester co., Va.
44. Christian, W. H.	1852	E	Suffolk, Va.
45. Clarké, J. S. R.*	1839	E Sy	Meherrin Depot, Prince Edward co., Va.
46. Clarke, J. L.	1848	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
47. Colonna, M. S.	1858	E	Franklin, Southampton co., Va.
48. Compton, J. W.*	1860	E	Emaus, Bedford co., Va.
49. Compton, R. A.	1862	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
50. Connelly, J. W.	1860	E Sy	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
51. Crawley, C. D.	1874	E	Pungoteague, Accomac co., Va.
52. Crider, J. W.	1854	E	South Boston, Charlotte co., Va.
53. Crocker, W. A.	1843	E	Edmon's Store, Brunswick co., Va.
54. Crooks, R. N.	1855	E	Atlee's, Hanover co., Va.
55. Crown, J. H.	1856	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock co., Va.
56. Dalby, J. H.	1874	E	Grafton, York co., Va.
57. Davis, F. A.*	1837	E Sd	Princess Anne C. H.
58. De Berry, J. B.	1876	E	Currituck C. H., N. C.
59. Deshazo, J. E.	1875	E	Smithfield. Isle of Wight co., Va.
60. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
61. Diggs, Thomas*	1843	E Sd	Richmond. Va.
62. Duke, T. P.	1877	E	Whittle's Depot, Pittsylvania co., Va.
63. Early, Thomas H.*	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg, Va.
64. Edwards, J. E.	1835	E	Petersburg, Va.
65. Edwards, J. J.	1850	E	Churchland, Norfolk co., Va.
66. Edwards, W. E.	1862	E	Lynchburg, Va.
67. Edwards, F. M.	1863	E	Comen's Well, Sussex co., Va.
68. Edwards, W. H.	1876	E	Orange C. H., Va.
69. Edwards, T. O.	1878	D	Hicks' Wharf, Matthews co., Va.
70. Evans, William E.	1876	E	Ashland, Va.
71. Ferguson, Richard.	1869	E	Indian Creek, Norfolk county, Va.
72. Fisher, J. L.*	1846	E Sd	Portsmouth, Va.
73. Foushee, N. B.	1876	E	Allwood, Amherst county, Va.
74. Garland, J. P.	1858	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
75. Garlick, J. C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
76. Gary, H. H.	1839	E Sd	Red Hill, Albemarle co., Va.
77. Gates, J. E.	1871	E	Halifax C. H., Va.
78. Gayle, R. F.	1879	D	Emaus, Bedford co., Va.
79. Gibbs, E. A.	1846	E	Charlotte C. H., Va.
80. Granbery, J. C.	1848	E	Nashville, Tenn.
81. Grant, Wm. E.	1880	D	Spring Grove, Surry co., Va.
82. Green, C. H.	1873	E	Lynchburg, Va.,
83. Green, Wm. T.	1878	P	Manaquin, King William co., Va.
84. Gregory, R. A.*	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg. Va.
85. Gregory, W. H.	1871	E	Oldham's X Roads, Westmoreland co., Va.
86. Guy, Lewis, A.*	1872	E Sy	Hicksford, Greenville co., Va.
87. Hall, A. M.*	1852	E	South Mills, Camden, N. C.
88. Hank, J. D.	1857	E	Bellefont. Nottoway co., Va.
89. Herring, B. S.	1874	E	Turbeville, Halifax co., Va.
90. Hilldrup, J. W.	1866	E	Bay View, Northampton co., Va.
91. Hobday, C. E.*	1867	E	Seaboard, N. C.
92. Hope, H. M.	1873	E	Berkley, Norfolk co., Va.
93. Howard, J. W.	1845	E	Arrington, Nelson co., Va.
94. Hunter, J. S.	1870	E	Lynchburg, Va.
95. Hunt, Henry.	1881	P	Hat Creek, Campbell co., Va.
96. Johnson, S. H.	1876	E	Lunenburg, C. H., Va.
97. Jones, J. N.	1866	E	Amherst C. H., Va.
98. Jordan, W. P.	1869	E	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
99. Jordan, E. M.	1869	E	Hertford, N. C.
100. Jordan, Arthur C.	1880	P	Midlothian, Chesterfield co., Va.
101. Judkins, W. E.	1853	E	Portsmouth, Va.

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102. Kabler, J. H.	1873	E	Lynchburg, Va.
103. Lafferty, J. J.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
104. Lambeth, S. S.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
105. Laughon, W. A.*	1867	E	Dover Mines, Goochland co., Va.
106. Laurens, J. B.	1853	S Sd	Richmond, Va.
107. Lear, Joseph.	1834	E	Petersburg, Va.
108. Lear, W. W.	1875	D	Hebron, Dinwiddie co., Va.
109. Lee, L. M.	1828	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
110. Lipscomb, B. F.	1876	S	Salisbury, Md.
111. Littleton, Oscar.	1850	E	Danville, Va.
112. Lumpkin, W. G.	1854	E	Amelia, C. H., Va.
113. Lumpkin, J. T.	1870	E	Providence Forge, New Kent co., Va.
114. Lumsden, J. D.	1838	E	Chase City, Mecklenburg co., Va.
115. Manning, Jacob.	1839	E	Smithfield, Va.
116. Martin, J. C.	1859	E	Charlottesville, Va.
117. Mastin, J. T.	1876	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
118. Maynard, J. H.	1873	E	South Hill, Mecklenburg co., Va.
119. McAden, James.*	1814	E Sd	South Hill, Mecklenburg co., Va.
120. McClelland, John.*	1845	E Sd	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
121. McGee, William.	1843	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
122. McSparran, J. E.	1857	E	Margarettsville, N. C.
123. Merritt, J. B.	1862	E	No. 19 Noe's Court, Norfolk, Va.
124. Michaels, Robert.	1836	E Sd	Amelia C. H., Va.
125. Mitchell, H. P.	1854	E	Portsmouth, Va.
126. Moore, J. T.	1873	E	Bedford Springs, Campbell co., Va.
127. Moorman, S. T.*	1828	E Sd	Lawyer's, Campbell co., Va.
128. Moorman, R. J.	1872	E	Hampton, Va.
129. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Campbell C. H., Va.
130. Moss, John O.	1877	E	Harrellsville, N. C.
131. Nolley, G. W.	1825	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
132. Patterson, J. H.	1873	E	Danville, Va.
133. Payne, W. E.	1869	E	Madison C. H., Va.
134. Payne, R. O.	1878	D	Matoaca, Chesterfield co., Va.
135. Peterson, P. A.	1852	E	Richmond, Va.
136. Peterson, E. M.	1852	E	Suffolk, Va.
137. Potts, J. E.*	1853	E Sy	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
138. Pritchett, E. H.*	1859	E	Louisa C. H., Va.
139. Proctor, J. A.	1852	E	Norfolk, Va.
140. Proctor, J. H.	1857	E	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.
141. Pruden, N. J.	1876	E	Charlotte C. H., Va.
142. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
143. Reed, L. S.	1849	E	Harrisonburg, Rockingham co., Va.
144. Reed, J. C.	1868	E	Petersburg, Va.
145. Rhodes, J. Q.	1869	E	Newsom's, Southampton co., Va.
146. Riddick, J. A.*	1833	E Sy	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.
147. Riddick, J. H.	1854	E	Norfolk, Va.
148. Riddick, Wm. H.	1877	E	Hicksford, Greensville co., Va.
149. Robins, W. F.	1862	E	Concord, Campbell co., Va.
150. Robins, J. W. S.	1877	E	Upper Trappe, Wicomico co., Md.
151. Robinson, Wm. A.	1850	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
152. Rosser, Leonidas.	1838	E	Farmville, Va.
153. Rosser, J. C.	1876	D	Orange C. H., Va.
154. Routten, Joseph T.	1880	D	Berlin, Md.
155. Rowe, J. G.*	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
156. Rowzie, W. B.	1829	E	Meherrin, Prince Edward co., Va.
157. Royall, W. W.*	1875	E	China.
158. Sawyer, Walter W.	1880	P	Mathews C. H., Va.
159. Saunders, J. M.	1842	E	Richmond, Va., No. 315 24th street.
160. Saunders, R. M.	1849	E	Norfolk, Va.
161. Scott, R. B.	1877	E	Lynch's Station, Campbell co., Va.
162. Shough, Jacob.*	1839	E Sd	Patrick C. H., Va.

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163. Simpson, T. McN.	1877	E	Petersburg, Va., 58 N. Sycamore street.
164. Sledd, R. N.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
165. Smithey, W. R.	1879	E	White Plains, Brunswick co., Va.
166. Southall, J. D.	1842	E	Whitmell, Pittsylvania co., Va.
167. Spencer, J. L.	1850	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
168. Spiller, B. C.	1848	E	Dunnsville, Essex co., Va.
169. Starr, W. G.	1865	E	Richmond, Va.
170. Stiff, James W.	1878	D	Franktown, Northampton co., Va.
171. Sturgis, Joseph R.	1878	D	Cambridge, Md.
172. Taylor, T. J.	1867	E	Prospect, Prince Edward co., Va.
173. Taylor, W. C.*	1869	D Sy	Kent Island, Md.
174. Tenneille, B. F.	1867	E	Windsor, Bertie co., N. C.
175. Tillett, Wilbur F.	1880	P	Danville, Va.
176. Tompkins, Wm. A.	1880	P	Shadwell, Albemarle co., Va.
177. Traynham, D. J.	1878	D	Penhook, Franklin co., Va.
178. Tucker, J. W.	1861	E	Martinsville, Henry co., Va.
179. Twilly, W. J.	1874	E	Barhamsville, New Kent co., Va.
180. Twitty, J. F.	1871	E	Norfolk, Va.
181. Vaden, W. C.	1861	E	Richmond, Va., No. 716 24th st.
182. Vanderslice, G. C.	1859	E	Matthews C. H., Va.
183. Waggener, J. R.*	1849	E Sd	Burksville, Va.
184. Waggener, W. O.	1876	S	Maringo, Mecklenburg co., Va.
185. Wallace, D. M.	1853	E	Dinwiddie C. H., Va.
186. Wallace, J. S.	1879	D	Penn's Store, Patrick co., Va.
187. Ware, T. A.*	1848	E	Charlottesville, Va.
188. Warwick, A. B.	1877	E	Disputanta, Prince George co., Va.
189. Watson, J. C.	1859	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
190. Watts, R. W.	1857	E	North Garden, Albemarle co., Va.
191. Watts, C. E.	1866	E	Harris Creek, Amherst co., Va.
192. Wertenbaker, C. C.	1868	E	Norfolk, Va.
193. Whitehead, Paul.	1853	E	Petersburg, Va.
194. Whitley, J. T.	1879	E	University of Virginia.
195. Wiles, Alfred.	1844	E	Heathsville, Northumberland co., Va.
196. Wills, D. P.	1846	E	Lynchburg, Va.
197. Williams, B. M.*	1858	E	Bells, Grayson co., Texas.
198. Williams, W. G.	1850	E	Chester, Chesterfield co., Va.
199. Williams, T. L.	1853	E	Laurenceville, Brunswick co., Va.
200. Wilson, E. P.	1842	E	Manchester, Va.
201. Wise, T. P.	1863	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va.
202. Woodward, B. F.	1844	E Sd	Manchester, Va.
203. Woodward, J. P.	1853	E	Rocky Mount, Franklin co., Va.
204. Wray, G. W.	1877	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna co., Va.
205. Wright, William P.	1867	E	Richmond, Va.
206. Wright, George M.	1869	E	Portsmouth, Va.
207. Younger, R. H.	1876	E	Otter Hill, Bedford co., Va.

## II.—LOCAL PREACHERS HAVING PASTORAL CHARGES.

Mullen, R. H. .... Gum Spring, Louisa co., Va.  
Lennon, J. G. ....  
Parrish, J. W. ....  
Thrift, S. L. .... Warwick C. H., Va.

### III.—LAY DELEGATES, 1881-82; AND MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	POSTOFFICES.
Turner, S. D., Jt. Bd. Fin.	Richmond,	Glendale, Henrico co., Va.
Hunt, G. J.	"	Richmond City.
Branch, Thos.	"	Richmond City.
Anderson, Dr. G. M.* Bd. Miss	"	Plain View, K. & Queen co., Va.
Gary, M. E., Alt.	"	Richmond City.
Murray, H. W.	Charlottesville,	Louisa C. H.
Hume, Q. R.	"	Stanardsville, Green co., Va.
Collins, J. F.	"	Oak Park, Madison co., Va.
Brown, E. B., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Free Union, Albemarle co., Va.
Perkins, T. B. M., Bd. Miss.	"	Elmington, Nelson co., Va.
Pollard, Richard, Bd. Miss.	Lynchburg,	Lynchburg, Va.
Arnold, D. R.	"	Evington, Campbell co., Va.
Garland, M. H.	"	Harris' Creek, Amherst co., Va.
Campbell, B. B.	"	Sandridges, Amherst co., Va.
Winfree, C. V., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Hamlin, F. M.	Danville,	Danville, Va.
Dickerson, D. C.	"	Pinhook, Franklin co., Va.
Smith, W. A.	"	Charlotte C. H., Va.
Scott, R. A.	"	Rocky Mount, Franklin co., Va.
Pace, J. R.,* Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Danville, Va.
Guerrant, H. D., Bd. Miss.	"	Danville, Va.
Farrar, F. H.	Farmville,	Deatonsville, Amelia co., Va.
Blackwell, John.	"	Eanes' X Roads, Va.
Fench, Geo. B.*	"	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
Brown, D. H.*	"	Cartersville, Cumberland co. Va.
Leetch, T. M., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	New Canton, Buckingham co. Va.
Crowder, P. B., Bd. Miss.	"	Amelia C. H., Va.
Hamlin, T. B., Bd. Miss.	Petersburg,	Church Road, Dinwiddie co. Va.
Wilson, R. T.	"	Petersburg, Va.
Green, J. W.	"	Comen's Well, Sussex co., Va.
Ramey, J. N.	"	Waverly, Sussex co., Va.
Marks, L. L., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Petersburg, Va.
Mason, T. W.*	Murfreesboro,	
Grant, Wm.	"	Jackson, N. C.
William, H. Clay, Bd. Miss.	"	Buckland, N. C.
Saunderson, T. L.	"	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Kilby, Wilbur J., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Suffolk, Va.
Brickhouse, S. N.	Norfolk,	Norfolk, Va.
Peck, Geo. M.	"	Hampton, Va.
Neville, Geo. L., Bd. Miss.	"	Portsmouth, Va.
Sanderlin, Thos.	"	Moyock, Currituck co., N. C.
Bain, Geo. M., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Norfolk, Va.
Dawson, J. H., Se'y P. R. S'y.	"	Norfolk, Va.
Walker, W. W.	Randolph Macon,	Oldham's X R'ds Westmoreland
Irby, Richard, Bd. Miss.	"	Ashland, Va.
Walker, Watson.	"	Ayletts, King & Queen co., Va.
Davis, J. W.	"	Hague, Westmoreland co., Va.
Cockerell, Littleton, Jt. B. Fin.	"	Burgess' Store, Northumberland
Travers, L. D., Jt. Bd. Fin.	Eastern Shore,	Taylor's Island, Dorchester, Md
Woler, J. D.	"	Cambridge, Md.
Bagwell, H. P.	"	Belle Haven, Accomac co., Va.
Broadwater, J. E., Alt.	"	Temperanceville, Accomac, Va
Byrd, H. D.*	"	Temperanceville, Accomac, Va
Cannon, Jas.,* Bd. Miss.	"	Salisbury, Md.



IX.  
FINANCIAL PLAN  
OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

SECTION I.

OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. The Joint Board of Finance, composed of one Clerical member of the Conference, and one Layman from each Presiding Elder's District, shall meet at each session of the Annual Conference.

II. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop (unless otherwise ordered) at the close of the Conference session, and shall hold their office until the close of the next ensuing Annual Conference.

III. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer; and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board; *provided*, they keep up an equal number of Clerical and Lay members.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Joint Board:

1. To receive the Conference collection and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased clerical members of the Conference; according to their judgment of their several necessities.

2. To estimate the amount that probably will be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphan children of deceased clerical members of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' District for collection the ensuing year. This apportionment shall be made upon the basis of ability. In like manner they shall apportion the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

3. They shall receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops, and pay over the same to the Bishop presiding at the Conference, and take his receipt and forward it, or a copy thereof, to the Book Agent.

4. They shall receive and carefully examine the Recording Stewards' reports, and keep an accurate record of the same, and take such action thereon as may be deemed prudent, in order to improve the financial condition of the church, and secure uniformity in the methods, and fidelity in the execution of the duties of Stewards.

5. They shall decide all issues that may exist between the Stewards and Presiding Elder, or any of the preachers, in relation to salaries, and their decision shall be final, but in no case shall they allow any preacher to have any claim on the church he has served, as of debt, after his pastoral connection with them has ceased.

6. All matters relating to the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this Board, and be carefully considered by them.

7. The members of this Board, and especially the Chairman thereof, shall carefully consider the financial interests of the Conference during the year, and shall collect such authentic information in regard to the usual claimants on the Conference funds, as shall facilitate the business of the Board at its annual meetings.

8. They shall make a full report of all their proceedings to the Conference, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report.



## SECTION II.

## OF THE DISTRICT STEWARDS.

I. The District Stewards [see Discipline, pages 53 and 100] shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. The time and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the Presiding Elder. They shall elect their own chairman and secretary.

II. It shall be the duty of this Board to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.\*

III. They shall apportion this amount and the amounts assessed upon the District for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the several charges of the District, as the basis of their relative ability.

IV. They shall require the Secretary to keep an accurate record of their proceedings.

## SECTION III.

## OF THE STEWARDS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

I. The Stewards on Circuits and Stations shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Board of District Stewards. The time and place of their meeting shall be fixed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the preceding year, or, in default thereof, by the preacher in charge. They shall elect their own chairman, secretary and treasurer; provided, that the office of secretary and treasurer may be filled by the Recording Steward.

II. It shall be the duty of the Board thus organized :

1. To estimate the salary and traveling expenses of their pastor, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

2. To ascertain from their representative in the District Stewards' meeting (or, if he should be absent, from any other reliable source) the assessment upon their charge for the support of the Presiding Elder.

3. To apportion the aggregate of these amounts to the several societies of the charge, on the basis of their relative ability.

4. They shall report their action to the ensuing Quarterly Conference, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Quarterly Conference, it shall be the assessment for that year.

5. They shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, inform their respective societies of the amount assessed upon them.

6. They shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference the collections made in their respective societies, and pay over the same to the parties having claims thereon, *pro rata*, first deducting the necessary traveling expenses.

7. They shall keep the assessments for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund separate, and shall co-operate with the preachers in charge in raising these amounts by public collections in their several congregations, or by private subscriptions and donations.

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\* Where there is a District Parsonage, the Stewards should fix its fair rental value and credit the same to the several charges *pro rata* on the basis of the assessments for the salary of the Presiding Elder.

8. Where there is no parsonage belonging to their charge, they shall take the necessary steps, as early as the fourth quarterly meeting in each year, to secure a comfortable home for their ng pastor for the year next ensuing; and in estimating his salary, they shall include the amount necessary to pay the rent thereof.\*

9. It shall be the especial duty of the chairman of each Board to consider the financial interest of his charge, to visit the different societies thereof, when necessary, to remind them of their scriptural obligations to support the ministry, and to use every effort in his power to promote the financial prosperity of his charge.

10. The Recording Steward shall forward to the Joint Baord of Finance of the Annual Conference a full account of the assessments made upon his charge, the amounts received on the assessments, the disbursements of the same, and the deficiencies, if any exist. He shall also forward, annually, a full account of all collections for missions to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, and shall transmit all moneys collected during the year for Missions, Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the Treasurer thereof, by the preacher in charge.

## SECTION IV.

### OF CHURCH CONFERENCES.

I. A Church Conference shall be held in each society as soon as practicable after adjournment of the first Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five of its most judicious members, to apportion the amount assessed upon the society among the members thereof.

II. This committee shall report their action to the Church Conference at this, or an adjourned meeting of the same, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Church Conference it shall be considered the assessment for the year, and shall be morally binding upon the membership of the society.

III. The Secretary of the Church Conference shall furnish the Steward or Stewards of the Society with a true copy of the assessments, whose duty it shall be to divide them into weekly, or monthly, or quarterly instalments, and collect the same as promptly as possible.

IV. The Stewards may appoint collectors to assist them in this work. They may, also, adopt the envelope system, which, in many places, both on our circuits and stations, has proven a very convenient and efficient auxiliary.

V. If a member should fail or refuse to pay his assessment, the Stewards shall endeavor to make up the amount by voluntary contributions; provided, however, that they shall report the facts in the case to the next session of the Church Conference.

VI. The Church Conference may adopt such measures, in all cases, as they may deem proper, subject only to the law of the Church.

## SECTION V.

### OF PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts to present written reports at each session of the Annual Conference, showing:

1. The condition of the finances of their respective Districts.

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\* Where the parsonage belongs to the Church, the Stewards should fix the fair rental value thereof, and report the same as so much paid on the salary of their Pastor.

2. The manner in which the financial plans of the Discipline and of the Conference have been executed.

3. Whether any neglect of duty is chargeable on the ministers or lay-officials.

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## X.

### MODE OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

The first or second Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall elect three male members of the church to represent such pastoral charge in the District Conference; and the District Conference shall elect, by ballot, four delegates (one of whom may be a local preacher) to the ensuing Annual Conference; provided, that no member of the Annual Conference shall vote in said election, and that the delegates elected shall be twenty-five years of age, and shall have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for six years next preceding their election.

XI.  
AN ESSAY  
ON  
THE GRACE OF GIVING  
As Developed in Both Testaments.

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The following essay, which appeared in the *Theological and Homiletic Monthly* for November, 1881, is republished in the Minutes without expense to the Conference, with the hope that it may be useful to those who wish to know and do the will of God with respect to the grace of giving.

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This grace is more than generosity—more than alms-giving. Holding high rank among the Christian graces, it is one of the essential elements of Christian character and life. Yet it is much older than the Christian system. It is much older also than the Mosaic Institute. Neither did it originate with the customs of the Patriarchal age. It is as old as religion itself, for it is integral in its nature. And dating from the most remote antiquity, its history is fraught with a profound significance and inculcates some of the most important and valuable lessons of heavenly wisdom.

We behold the principle of this grace in the first symbols of Divine worship—animal sacrifices; and it found its first expression in the sacrificial offerings of the Adamic family. Thereby Abel obtained witness that he was righteous, “God testifying of his gifts.” After the Noachian flood, it was expressed very frequently and influentially in the tithes and offerings of the patriarchs. Noah, Job, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob gave liberally of their substance, both as acts of homage to God and of benevolence to their fellow-men. Pliny, Horace, and other ancient writers bear repeated testimony that this Patriarchal custom became the almost universal usage of mankind. Thus heathen nations, the most barbarous, as well as the most refined and cultivated, were wont to express their religious devotion.

The formal incorporation of this ancient and almost universal custom of mankind in the tithe laws of the Mosaic Institute gave to this princi-

ple a higher and more authoritative form. Both under the theocracy and the reign of the kings these laws constituted one of the essential and prominent features of Judaism. And their requirements were not limited, as some have supposed, to *one-tenth* of the income of the Jewish people. This is a very strange and egregious error. A tithe of *one-tenth* was required for the Levites alone. In addition, a tithe was required for the ransom of the first born son, a tithe for the benefit of the poor, a tithe for trespass offerings and sin offerings, a tithe for the first fruits of the fields and flocks, &c. Altogether it may be safely affirmed that the requirements of the Levitical ritual were fully equal to *one-third* of their entire income—all of which was devoted to strictly religious and benevolent purposes. Nor was this all. While promptly and systematically complying with the law's demands, their special free-will offerings were characterized by a large-hearted liberality. How grandly did they give to the Tabernacle in the wilderness and to the Temple at Jerusalem! Their voluntary gifts to the former quickly supplied the want, and it was found necessary to restrain their overflowing munificence, while their contributions to the latter are estimated at *three thousand millions of dollars!* How does this compare with the contributions of Protestant Christendom for the evangelization of the world—the salvation of the race? Does it not throw an almost hopeless eclipse on the liberality of the modern Christian church?

There were two elements of effectiveness in the Judaic tithing system which are sometimes sadly lacking in the financial plans and benevolent enterprises of Christian people—viz.: *a personal sense of obligation to give and a uniform method of giving.* In these particulars, perhaps in others, the Christian church would do well to emulate the practical wisdom of her Jewish predecessor: for while the tithe laws, together with the elaborate system of Hebrew institutions with which they were interwoven—the Temple and its costly apparatus—its sacrifices and its army of Priests—have given place to the far better, simpler, and more spiritual provisions and requirements of the gospel, surely no one will claim that the great underlying principles of that economy have been annulled. These principles are imperishable. Surviving the peculiar institutions of Judaism, they are more perfectly embodied in the Christian system. May we not conclude, therefore, that they should find other higher, more noble and glorious forms of expression in the gifts and offerings of Christian people. Does not Christianity furnish much greater and more urgent occasions for liberal and systematic contributions to the cause of God and man? Confined to one small nation, occupying a strip of land but little larger than some of the counties of this Commonwealth, Judaism, with all of its acknowledged excellencies, was very much a local and preliminary system. It looked to the conversion of the world not as a *present duty*, but as an *ultimate end*, which could only be reached through a long train of local and preliminary measures. There was much in it, therefore, to repress the expansive spirit of brotherhood



and charity and to restrict its benevolent operations within a comparatively narrow range. But the gospel is for all nations and for every creature. It is the final, perfect and universal development of Divine grace and truth. Its ministers are commissioned and commanded to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, everywhere and always, as Heaven's only and all-sufficient provision for the salvation of this sinful world. Surely, then, the gifts and offerings of the Lord's people for the support of the institutions and agencies of the gospel and for the success of its evangelistic efforts and enterprises should not be graduated by the old Jewish standard of beneficence. No, never! Their liberality should be equal to the importance of their high vocation and commensurate with the scope and grandeur of their soul-saving and world-embracing work.

Is the conclusion deduced from the foregoing premises in perfect harmony with the plain teachings of the New Testament? Let us reverently and prayerfully ask what are the teachings of the New Testament with regard to the grace of giving? This is a highly important inquiry. Let us not enter upon it in the light of preconceived opinions and pet plans. Divesting ourselves of whatever might obscure our perceptions of the truth or bias our judgments, let us devoutly appeal to the word of God, which on this, as upon all similar subjects, is the only infallible and all-sufficient rule both of our faith and practice. Whatever we may draw from this inexhaustible fountain of heavenly wisdom should not only be accepted as satisfactory, but it should command the implicit faith and receive the loyal support of all who recognize the New Testament as the veritable and authoritative expression of God's holy will—the supreme law of His rational and responsible creatures.

#### I. THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS.

Whatever the diversity of their methods, the Old and New Testaments are essentially one. The essential principles of the Old Testament not only appear in the New, but find therein a more perfect development. This is especially true with reference to the great law of love, which is the supreme law of both Testaments—the basis of Bible religion of every type, whether Christian, Judaic, or Patriarchal—the universal, immutable and eternal principles of God's moral government. Repeatedly promulgated by Moses, this truly great and glorious law found expression, though imperfectly, in the tithes and offerings of the Mosaic Institute. Jesus frequently reaffirmed and emphasized it, as the great central, essential and supreme principle of the Christian system, the very sum and substance of theoretical, experimental and practical Christianity. He said, "*On this hang all the law and the prophets. This do, and thou shalt live.*" Now, with regard to beneficence, how, in what form, are His disciples expected and required to express this love? Free from the specific exactions of the Levitical ritual, what and how much is demanded of them as a suitable expression of their love for God and and their fellow-men? Does the Divine Author of Christianity lay a

specific tax on their income for religious and benevolent ends? No; He requires a free-will offering. What and how much should it be? Will anything short of a personal, hearty and entire consecration to His service meet the requirement? The testimony of Jesus is conclusive on this point. He says, "*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me; for whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it again.*"—Mark viii, 34-5. "*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me.*"—Matt. x, 37-8.

This language is clear, strong and comprehensive. The conditions of Christian discipleship, thus stated, require the most perfect development of the grace of giving. Because the young ruler, who sought eternal life at the feet of Jesus, was unwilling to comply with these conditions, he was rejected and went away sad, "*for he had great possessions.*" Alas! money was the idol of his heart. On the contrary, the Good Samaritan expressed his whole-hearted love for God and for his fellow-man, not only in his tender, sympathetic care for the wounded one, but by giving his money also, freely and lovingly, for his relief, promising to supplement the gift by as much more as might be necessary to provide adequately for his comfort. Truly this man "*loved his neighbor.*" On this principle of supreme love the widow's "*two mites,*" thoroughly consecrated to God, was greater in value than the combined gifts of the wealthy worshippers; for while they gave of their "*abundance,*" she cast in "*all her living.*" Because Mary "*did what she could,*" the simple act of anointing the body of Jesus, is "*a memorial of her*" which shall be known wheresoever in the whole world the gospel is preached. And because Zaccheus—chief of the publicans—supremely loved God, he was willing not only to restore his ill-gotten gains four-fold, but to give half of his great wealth to feed the poor.

On the basis of this great principle—the principle of supreme love to God and man—the grace of giving cannot be restricted. Remembering that the gift of His only begotten Son expresses God's love to us, we should thank Him for the unspeakable gift, by giving liberally to His glorious cause. "*Freely ye have received, freely give. Give, and it shall be given to you again, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you.*"

St. Paul says, "*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.*"

## II. THE EXAMPLE OF THE FIRST CONVERTS.

Applied to the hearts of His disciples by the Holy Ghost as it was on the day of Pentecost, how did the great and glorious law of love to God and man express itself in their example? Central, essential and supreme in the theory of Christianity, what was its position and influence in the

hearts and lives of the first Christian converts? And how, in what form, was it manifested and developed in their example? Chiefly in the grace of giving. They gave with *princely* liberality—not a *tenth*, or a *third*, but ALL. The few among them that owned property “sold their possessions and their goods,” that they might give, when necessary, to the relief of their less fortunate brethren, “*as every man had need.*”—Acts ii, 44–5. When the church had grown much stronger, both in numbers and in influence, though many were poor, none were allowed to suffer, “*for distribution was made to every man according as he had need.*”—Acts iv, 34–5. Nor was this extraordinary liberality, though one of the most sublime wonders of the Pentecostal scene, at all abnormal; neither was it the result of policy, manipulation or wild enthusiasm. It was the normal sequence, the rational, legitimate fruit of the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost, under whose vitalizing and transforming power the grace of giving assumed a prominence and developed an energy which may seem truly wonderful, if not impossible, in the eyes of those who have never witnessed a similar Divine manifestation. But under similar conditions nothing less would be required, expected, realized and beheld in the hearts and lives of the modern Christian church. It may seem almost incredible to us, but only because it is so strange to the present experience and so far above the low conceptions of the church of this day.

Retaining and enjoying, as they did, their individual property rights and privileges, except as they were constrained by the love of Christ to surrender them, giving their substance freely and bountifully to promote the cause of God and to supply the wants of the worthy poor, nothing was further from the thoughts and purposes of the Pentecostal converts than the pernicious theories of agrarianism, communism, socialism or radicalism, whether in their ancient or modern developments. But knowing that the cause of God, to whom they had given themselves had the first and highest claim on their property, as well as on their souls and bodies, they gave “*as though they possessed not,*” not grudgingly or of necessity, but voluntarily, cheerfully, lovingly; not wildly or prodigally, but thoughtfully, carefully, faithfully. Is not this a duty of perpetual and universal obligation, binding on everybody, always and everywhere? Does it involve any principle that is not thoroughly scriptural and in perfect harmony with the sublime theory of Christianity? Under the conditions of the great Pentecostal revival, was it not both rational and commendable? Yes, under these extraordinary conditions it was meet and right that the grace of giving—one of the chief elements and factors of Christian character and life—should be prominently developed, yea, that it should be developed most prominently in these first specimens of Christianity’s converting and transforming power. We cannot be surprised therefore that its prominent development, on this great and glorious occasion, should be so elaborately described by the sacred historian; that he should devote to its delineation so large a proportion of the space oc-

cupied by his account of the Pentecostal revival. And would any one infer from this pregnant and suggestive fact that in passing from Judaism into Christianity the grace of giving had in any degree lost its importance, abated its vitality and power, or contracted the objects and compass of its practical operations?

While according to this grace a much larger space and a more elaborate notice than is given to any other in the early evangelical history, the inspired writer places a genuine specimen of it in direct and strong contrast with a base, hypocritical, diabolical counterfeit. Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, a Levite, of the country of Cyprus, was inferior to none of his contemporaries of the apostolic era in the principle and practice of the grace of giving. "*Having land, he sold it, and brought the money and laid it all at the apostles' feet. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, also sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie against the Holy Ghost and to keep back a part of the price of the land? While it remained was it not thine own? And after it was sold was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost, and great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, carried him out and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. Then said Peter to her: Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Peter said: How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door and shall carry thee out. Then she fell down straightway at his feet and yielded up the ghost; and the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her forth buried her by her husband. And great fear came on all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.*"—Acts v, 1-12.

Let us observe—

(1). The name which Peter applied to this counterfeit of the grace of giving—he characterized it as a LIE, not unto man, but unto God.

(2). This lie was traced to its true paternity. It was the offspring of the devil—the father of lies—for said Peter, "*Satan hath filled thine heart to lie against the Holy Ghost.*"

(3). The temptation of the devil to commit this dreadful sin did not exonerate Ananias and Sapphira from their responsibility as moral agents in this matter. Before the land was sold, Ananias had it in his own individual right. He was not compelled to sell it. After the sale the money was in his own hands. He was not compelled or even solicited to give it. His property rights were fully recognized and respected. While at liberty to give, he was free to withhold it. His of-



fence, therefore, could not be extenuated or excused. It was wilful, deliberate, premeditated falsehood.

(4). The sin thus committed was speedily and summarily punished. Ananias was stricken with instant death ; Sapphira, being party to the crime, quickly shared his fate. Together in the sin, in death and the grave they were not divided.

(5). The strong contrast of character, conduct and destiny, as between Joses—a noble exemplar of the grace of giving—and Ananias and Sapphira—the sad victims of the vices of covetousness and ambition—thus plainly yet graphically portrayed on the first pages of the evangelical history, should deeply impress its solemn and salutary lessons on the disciples of Christ in all ages. For this purpose the picture was drawn and put in a prominent place at the entrance-door of the apostolic church. Behold it, ye who for selfish purposes hoard God's money, or keep back a part of what you ought to give to His glorious cause ! Take heed, lest you share the sin and curse of Ananias and Sapphira !!

### III. SPECIAL OFFICERS APPOINTED.

At first the gifts and offerings of the people were placed at the feet of the apostles. They both received and applied them. But soon this became a heavy burden on their hearts and hands. They found it necessary to commit the highly important and rapidly increasing charity work and funds of the church to the care and custody of specially appointed and qualified officers. Thus, while finding relief from duties which it was inexpedient, if not impracticable, for them to perform any longer, they would not only recognize the importance of the grace of giving, but would make the best provision for its more rapid growth and for the wiser and more systematic application of the common fund which might be gathered from it. They did not take this important action, however, on their own authority, as apostles ; but, recognizing the relative position and rights of their brethren in the membership of the church, they *“called together the multitude of the disciples, and said unto them : It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, look you out among you seven men, of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas, a proselyte of Antioch : whom they set before the apostles ; and when they had prayed they laid hands on them. And the word of God increased ; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly ; and a great company of the priests became obedient to the faith.”*—Acts vi., 2-7.

We remark (1). The office thus created in the apostolic church—the primitive diaconate—supplied a pressing providential demand, and was a great blessing in many ways. Its formal incorporation in the simple

but effective polity of apostolic times, marks one of its most important epochs, inaugurated a new and glorious era in its history. Free from the service of tables—a service not only burdensome, but embarrassing to them—the apostles gave themselves “*continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word,*” thoroughly consecrating all their time and talents to the more appropriate and important duties of the great evangelistic office and work to which they were divinely called and commissioned. As they went everywhere preaching the gospel, the ministry—now happily and forever non-secular—won new trophies, and was crowned with the largest and most brilliant success. (2). This very necessary, wisely ordered and most efficient office, if not identical with the stewardship in the Methodist Church, is, at least, very similar to it, in the circumstances of its origin, its design, and its functions. See Discipline, page 112–16. (3). The qualifications requisite for this office, as given above, and more fully in 1 Timothy iii, 8–13, are precisely those required by the Methodist Discipline for the office and work of the stewardship. They are both negative and positive. St. Paul tells us that the incumbents of this office should not be frivolous, but “*grave*” men; not “*double-tongued,*” but frank, straightforward men, free from duplicity in speech and action; “*not given to much wine,*” but temperate in all things, particularly in the use of intoxicating drinks; “*not greedy of filthy lucre,*” but giving liberally of their own means; they should be men of solid piety, spiritually minded, “*full of the Holy Ghost*”; they should be men “*full of wisdom,*” also discreet, judicious, prudent; and they should be men full of “*honest report*”—held in high reputation, yea, above suspicion, with respect to their personal integrity and fair dealing. No wonder that men having these high qualifications made the primitive diaconate a signal power and blessing in the apostolic church. And how much is Methodism indebted to the men of similar characteristics (and they are many) who have filled the stewardship! Let us hope that they have many worthy successors among the stewards of to-day. And the Lord hasten the happy era when all who fill this truly scriptural and apostolic office shall be men of such high apostolic type! Under the training of such men, how would the grace of giving be developed, what cares and burdens would be lifted from the hearts and hands of the ministry, what success would crown all our evangelistic efforts and enterprises!

#### IV. A SPECIFIC AND UNIFORM PLAN.

That the grace of giving might be more thoroughly and systematically cultivated and developed, the rapidly increasing churches were not only placed under the special care and training of faithful men, wisely chosen and well qualified to perform this work, but they were furnished with a specific and uniform plan of beneficence. St. Paul—the great organizer, as well as the great theologian and missionary of the apostolic times—was its author. It is recorded in outline, at least, in 1 Cor. xvi, 1, 2, and reads as follows: “*Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I*



*have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*" This very brief, but comprehensive plan, embodies in an eminent degree the most prominent elements of success in the old Judaic tithing system—viz: OBLIGATION AND METHOD. Whether a better plan for systematic beneficence was ever devised may well be doubted. That modern ecclesiastical legislation has materially improved it will hardly be claimed by any one. The following are its salient points: (1). It applies to all. All are required to give, whether rich or poor. (2). It prescribes a standard of liberality, quite definite, though flexible enough to adjust itself to any circumstances. Whether much or little, the gift of each one is required to be "*as God had prospered him.*" (3). It requires weekly contributions. Thus it would avoid the numerous and multiform evils of irregularity and delay in this matter. "*That there be no gatherings when I come.*" (4). It specifies the day on which this duty should be performed. "*The first day of the week*"—the Christian Sabbath. The reasons for specifying this holy day, in preference to any other day of the week, will readily suggest themselves. Not to say more, the apostolic precedent furnished ample authority for the practice of Sabbath-day collections. (5). Enjoined by apostolic authority, this plan is not merely advisory but mandatory. "*As I have given order,*" &c.

Such are the prominent features of the apostolic plan of Christian beneficence—a perfect model of simplicity and efficiency! Faithfully worked, what blessings it would confer on the church of to-day! Developing the grace of giving on the model and after the example of the first converts to Christianity, it would not only insure the regular and adequate support of the ministry, but would fill our missionary treasuries, build up our day-schools, help our worthy poor, and push forward the great work to a glorious consummation. O that it were heartily adopted and faithfully executed in all our churches, in all our districts, stations, circuits and missions, by men of God, baptized with the Holy Spirit!

#### V. THE RESULTS.

What were the results of this plan in the apostolic era? In urging it upon the Corinthians, whose circumstances were comparatively affluent, he reminded them of what it had already accomplished among the more obscure and less fortunate brethren of the churches in Macedonia. He said, "*Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, (I bear record) yea, and beyond their power, they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of*

*God.*"—2 Cor. viii, 1-5. Truly the grace of giving, so richly bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, was beautifully exemplified by them. The principle of Christian beneficence, so wisely embodied in St. Paul's incomparable financial plan, never expressed itself with greater power and pathos. We observe—(1) That all gave; (2) that their gifts were more than equal to their ability; (3) that they did not give reluctantly, but cheerfully; (4) that they gave with the greatest liberality in a time of great trial and affliction; (5) that they gave on the principle of entire personal consecration to God and His cause.

Behold the grace of giving in this almost faultless picture! Keep it in the halls of your memory. Hang it in all your churches, Sunday-schools and class-rooms. Let it adorn every Christian home. Put it in the closet of prayer. It will stimulate the faith and encourage the liberality of God's people; it will administer a powerful rebuke to the narrow policies and penurious gifts of indifferent and worldly-minded members of the Church.

#### VI. THE REASON WHY.

Wishing to know the will of God with respect to the grace of giving, the history has been briefly traced both in the Old and New Testaments. Its development in the testimony of Jesus, the example of the first Christian converts, the appointment of the deacons, and in the plan and practice of the apostolic era, has been brought under careful review. In conclusion, the duty to cultivate it should be considered. The following reasons, it is hoped, will suffice:

1. On the basis of the foregoing facts and arguments, it may be safely assumed, I trust, that the diligent cultivation of this grace is according to the will of God plainly and repeatedly revealed in His holy word. From this there is no appeal. Do you observe the Sabbath, the sacraments, and the ordinances of the Lord's house? Why? Because it is the will of God. There may be other reasons, but this is the first and the strongest. For this reason, also, you should cultivate the grace of giving. It is God's holy will. His holy word imperatively requires it.

2. While this duty is positively enjoined by divine authority, it is powerfully enforced by the fact that the diligent cultivation of this grace is essential to the completeness of Christian character. For this reason, after mentioning a number of other graces in which the Corinthians abounded, St. Paul placed special emphasis on the duty to cultivate the grace of giving, saying, "*As ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, SEE THAT YE ABOUND IN THIS GRACE ALSO.*"—2 Cor. viii, 7. St. Peter makes it the last link in the golden chain of the graces, connecting our souls closely with God. He says, "*Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, CHARITY.*"—2 Peter i, 5-7. Charity

is the very essence and life of godliness. "*Now abideth faith, hope, charity—these three, but THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY.*" Surely, then, this grace, in which charity is most perfectly embodied and exemplified, should be most diligently cultivated. Without it Christian character must be incomplete—Christian usefulness and influence must wane and wither.

3. The cultivation of this grace is also a means of grace. It improves all the other graces. Does not giving to God's cause or God's poor give scope and occasion for the cultivation of the grace of compassion, patience, brotherly kindness? Why is there so much poverty, ignorance and suffering in the world? Why so much in the church, even among the saints? Without presuming too far, may we not say that among other reasons, God permits these apparent evils that He may overrule them to the culture of the Christian graces. "The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Why? Chiefly because the cultivation of the grace of giving for the support of the gospel will cultivate the faith, the self denial, the brotherly love of His people. Thus all the Christian graces may be symmetrically trained and matured.

4. The cultivation of this grace attests the genuineness and sincerity of the Christian profession, and demonstrates its divine origin, life, and power. "*Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*" It is impossible. It is equally impossible for the love of God to reign in the soul without expressing itself in the grace of giving to the cause of God and of suffering humanity. This is the invariable and necessary form of its expression. Thus it proves that we have passed from death to life, that we have been with Jesus, that we have the mind of Christ, that we are animated by a Christ-like spirit—the spirit of humanity, brotherhood and benevolence; in a word, that we "*know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*" "*If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His.*" By the infallible principle of this grace, of which His own life is the most powerful exponent, will Jesus judge the characters and decide the eternal destinies of mankind on the great and dreadful day of final account.—Matt. xxv. 31-46.

5. While the diligent cultivation of this grace is according to the will of God; while it is essential to the completeness of Christian character, influence and usefulness; while as a means of grace, it is both necessary, and invaluable, and while it not only attests the genuineness and sincerity of the Christian profession, but demonstrates its divine origin, life and power—this duty should be faithfully performed also, because the highest degree of *material* as well as *spiritual* prosperity is conditioned upon it. "*The liberal soul shall be made fat.*" "*And this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully.*" "*Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first*

*fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."* *"He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given will he repay him again."* *"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and yet tendeth to poverty."*

While starvation stared in her face, the widow of Sarepta lost nothing by sharing her scanty food with the prophet Elijah. Because she did it in faith and hope, the Lord supplied her wants. Through all the years of the most dreadful famine in Israel, her cruse of oil wasted not and her meal-barrel was never empty.

The ancient Hebrews made nothing, but lost much, by withholding their tithes and offerings. Their folly was as great as their sin. Malachi called them to repentance, saying, *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."*—iii, 10–12. Let us lay to heart this impressive and oft-repeated lesson.

#### VII. EXCUSES OFFERED.

Many excuses are offered for the neglect of this important duty. One is burdened with the heavy expenses of a large family; another is pressed to pay the just claims of urgent creditors; another is embarrassed by the comparative failure of promising crops and other flattering enterprises; another has but little faith in the success of present plans, and another is discouraged by the unpropitious look of the future. For these and many other specious reasons, thousands have said, "I pray thee have me excused." In reply, I beg to submit a few thoughts.

May not the chief cause of these oft-repeated excuses be found in the lamentable fact that of those who profess and call themselves Christians, comparatively few fully recognize the claims of God on their persons and on their property. On their property, indeed! Theirs by what right? Is not their ownership very limited and contingent? Is not God owner-in-chief of it all? Is not their proprietorship strictly secondary and subordinate? Did not God confer it on them? Do they not hold it subject to His will? And are they not accountable to Him, and responsible before His bar, for the use they make of it? In a word, are they not His stewards? Yes; only this and nothing more! On the twofold ground of creation and of redemption, God is the great original and supreme proprietor of all things. Not their possessions only, but their persons—their souls and bodies—belong to God. *"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price."* That price was the blood of a broken heart, which was paid in full by Jesus on Calvary's ignominious cross. The great price of redemption powerfully emphasizes the appeal—*"Yield yourselves unto God."* From these premises, it follows:



1. That the cause of God should be fully recognized as having the first, highest, and most sacred claims on the property as well as on the affections of His people. The subordination of these claims to those of their families and fellow-men is more than an error; it is a grievous sin—the sin of the unfaithful steward! It does them discredit and dishonors the Lord.

2. Your duty to provide for your family cannot possibly conflict with your duty to God. Duties never conflict. A proper provision for your family is your duty to God; the support of God's cause, according to your ability, is your duty to your family. The neglect of the one is infidelity to the other. The highest prosperity of your family is conditioned on the faithful discharge of your religious duties. To neglect or subordinate these duties is to invite and deserve adversity. God forbid that the temporal and eternal welfare of your innocent household should be blighted and blasted by a blind and narrow selfishness, or a thoughtless indifference to the reasonable demands of His beneficent cause!

3. While the payment of your just debts is your duty, both to God and man, you are verily guilty in this, that so far from paying the debt you justly owe the cause of God, you have not yet fully recognized it. This is a debt of the highest dignity—a debt for life, health, home, food! raiment, friends. It was contracted before any other. How long has it been due and unpaid? At the most moderate rate of interest, it has largely increased from year to year. "Will a man rob God?" Never! Hold, my brother!! Have you not robbed Him? robbed Him in His own house? robbed Him with your own hands—the hands of a professed friend? Have you not withheld what was His, or given it to others, without His consent and against His protest? Behold, thou art the man! The sin lieth at your own door!!

4. While pecuniary embarrassment makes it your duty to practice retrenchment and economy, it cannot justify you in withholding your contributions from the cause of God, or in minifying them in shameful disproportion to your less important expenditures. Retrenchment and economy should not begin at the house of God. Neither should they end there. If possible, spare this sacred place! To this end, cheerfully endure the most rigid self-denial. Though in deep poverty, you may abound in the riches of a large liberality. Beware! lest in the popular name of a wise and necessary reform you should adopt the short-sighted policies of worldly expediency and parsimonious prudence.

5. Without presumption on the one hand, or unbelief on the other, you should contribute to the cause of God with strong faith in His special providence and promises. "He is able to make all grace abound toward you." Then why should you doubt or fear? Though past failures frown on present plans and cast a gloom on future prospects, this may only be for "*the trial of your faith, which is much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, that it may be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.*" The dis-



cipline of your faith and the development of your graces in symmetrical proportion, until your Christian character and life reach the well-rounded maturity of a perfect spiritual manhood, may enable you, though poor, to make many rich, if not by the sum of your benevolent contributions, by the glorious principles which they so beautifully exemplify and so eloquently commend.

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